# CHAPTER 1: CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (CQI)

OUTCOME STATEMENT: Utilize on an on-going basis a quality review process that accurately measures processing performance in a way that creates a perpetual self-diagnostic and self-fixing process.

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# **Quality Control Unit Overview**

- QC Unit is managed by Public Health
- QC reviews Active and CAPERS Findings
- QC Specialist review cases based on state and federal regulations
- After the QC Specialist completes their review, it is rereviewed by the QC-Payment Accuracy Specialist.
- A subsample of each month's cases are reviewed by FNS.
- SNAP actions that are reviewed by QC and the QC-PAS are:
  - SNAP Active-are reviews of the accuracy of the dollar amount each household is receiving.
  - SNAP CAPERS- are reviews of the processing status for which households were denied or terminated.
  - SNAP Timeliness- are reviews to determine if the household received the SNAP benefits in a timely manner.

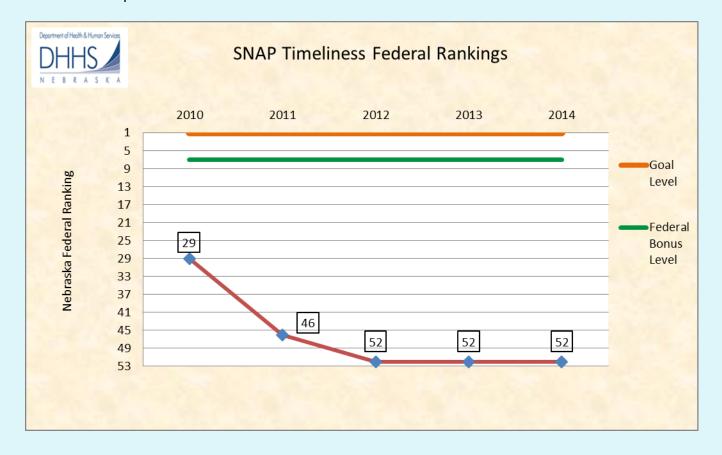
### Program Accuracy Unit

- PAS Unit is managed by Children and Family Services.
- PAS determine if proper procedures and policy were used to continue or establish eligibility, review documents and case files, and conduct Targeted Reviews to determine where errors or breakdowns are occurring.
- PAS create Weekly R.E.Ps (Recap of Essential Policy and Procedures), Captivate Videos and Quizzes that are shared with the field.
  - The most current training materials are uploaded on SharePoint under Training Tools by Topic.
- PAS are now using the NEARS 3 program.
- PAS are reaching out to teams in all service areas to offer support when needed.
- Programs PAS review:
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - SNAP Timeliness
  - Child Care
  - Aid to Dependent Children (ADC)
  - Assistance to Aged, Blind, or Disabled Payment (AABD)
  - Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
  - Social Services for Aged and Disabled (SSAD)
- PAS review the following Functions:
  - Interviewing
  - Processing
  - Change Management
  - Phone Observations

### **CHAPTER 2: FEDERAL REPORTING**

Goal Statement: Continually meet or exceed Federal Guidelines with the goal to optimize quality and realize Federal Bonus Funds

**Goal Statement:** SNAP timeliness will move towards the goal of being ranked #1 which will ensure that households will receive accurate benefits within 7 days upon receipt of application for Expedite households and by 30 days upon receipt of application for Non-Expedited households.



The above chart: Fiscal Year 2014 – Ranking covers the time period October 2013 to September 2014.

Most Current Information Updated: 10/2014.

**Timeliness Rankings are released Quarterly.** 

Timeliness: measured from application receipt date for when benefits are administered and in the customers hands.

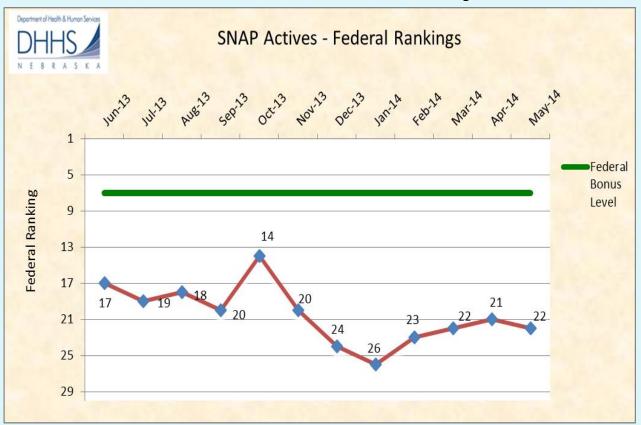
#### **Active Findings**

**Strengths/Accomplishments:** 

**Action Items:** 

**Barriers:** 

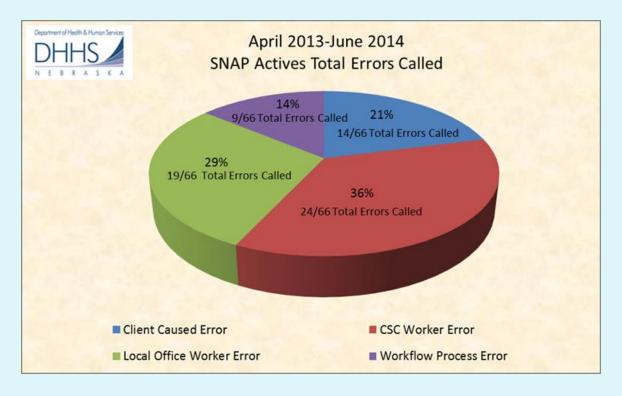
**Goal Statement:** The accuracy of SNAP Active cases will move towards the goal of 100% correctness on the SNAP amount each household is receiving.



The above chart: Is measured in dollars for the percentage errors and is showing a comparison of Active Error rankings for 6/2013 to 5/2014.

Updated: 11/2014.

### **Active Errors**



#### **CSC Most Frequently Cited Errors**

Earned Income not updated/budgeted incorrectly – 7 Unearned Income not updated/budgeted incorrectly – 6 Household Composition Incorrect – 6

#### **Local Office Most Frequently Cited Errors**

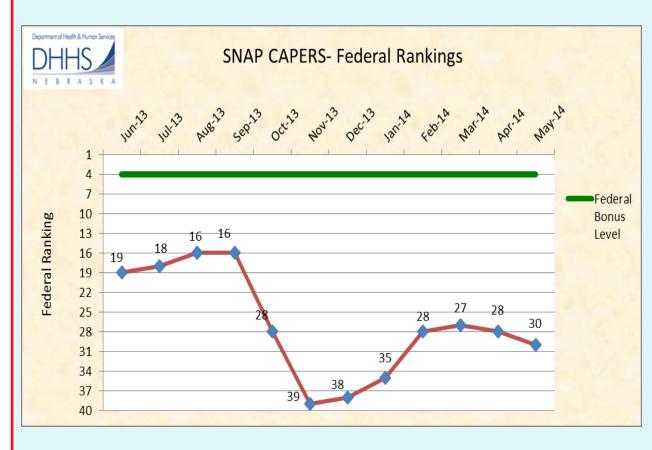
Earned Income not updated/budgeted incorrectly – 7
Unearned Income not updated/budgeted incorrectly – 5
Shelter/Utility Expenses not updated/incorrect used in budgets - 3

#### **CAPERS Findings**

**Strengths/Accomplishments:** 

**Barriers:** 

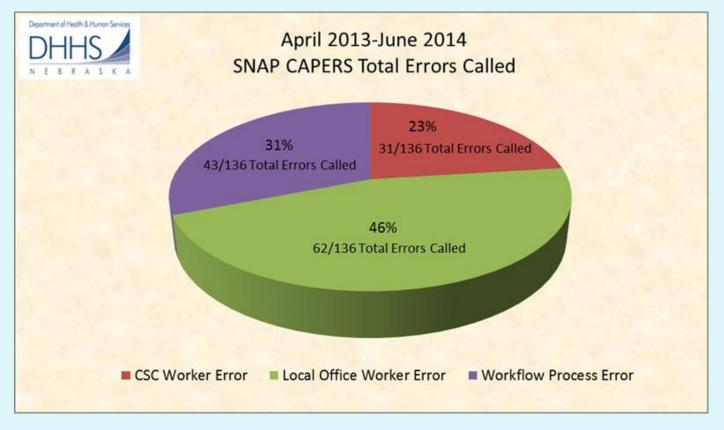
**Goal Statement:** The accuracy of SNAP CAPERS cases will move towards the goal of 100% correctness on the processing status for which households are denied or terminated.



The above chart: Shows a comparison of CAPERS rankings for 6/2013 to 5/2014.

Updated: 10/2014.

### **CAPERS**



#### **Local Office Most Frequently Cited Errors**

Case denied untimely for failure to provide after day 30–17
Incorrect denial - agency delay interview scheduled untimely – 13
Incorrect denial due before day 30, missed interview/incorrect address used– 4

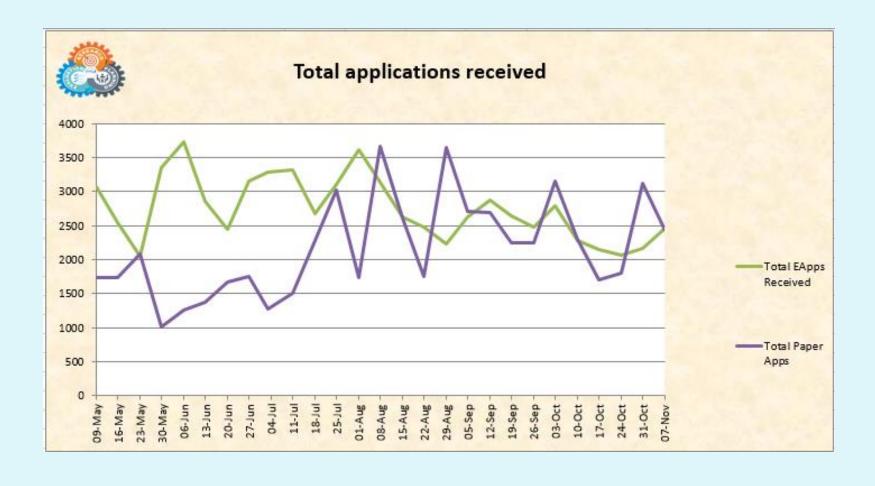
The above chart and cited information: Represents where the CAPERS occurred and the top errors found.

### **CHAPTER 3: STATE REPORTING**

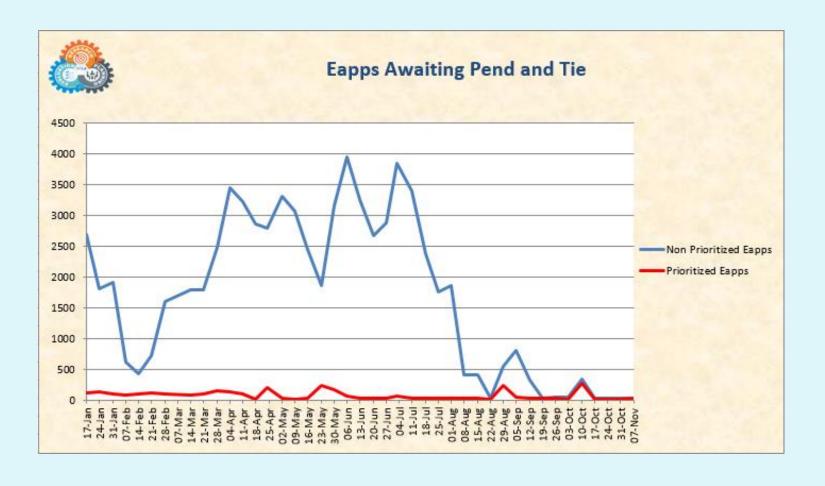
Outcome Statement: Children and Family Services Economic Assistance Constituents will receive services in a timely manner and will be processed according to State and Federal Guidelines.

Goal Statement: Continually review completed cases, then measure and report CFS processing performance.

# **Total Applications Received**



# Electronic Applications to be Tied



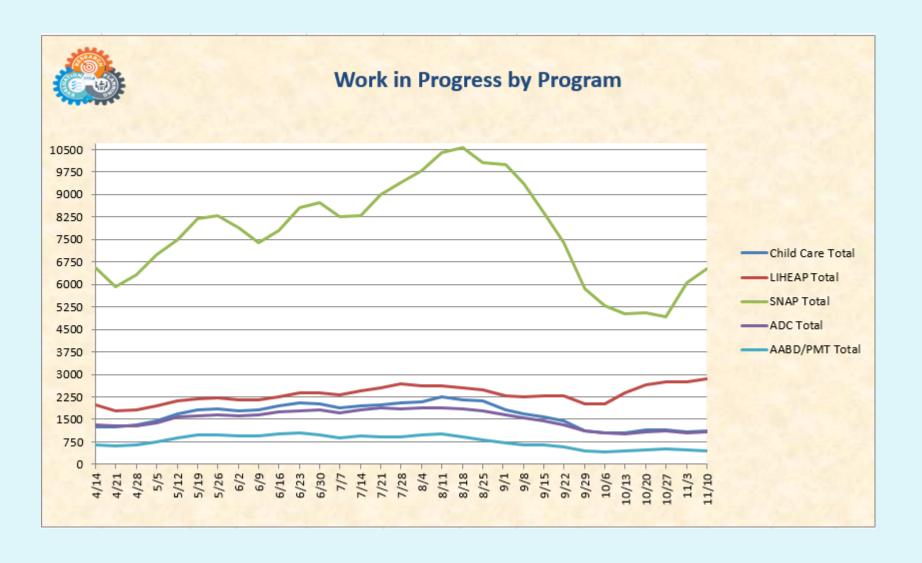
### Total Work in Progress

*Definition*: Total Work in Progress is defined as the total number of Program Cases that are in Pending status plus the total number of applications that are in the app management queue.



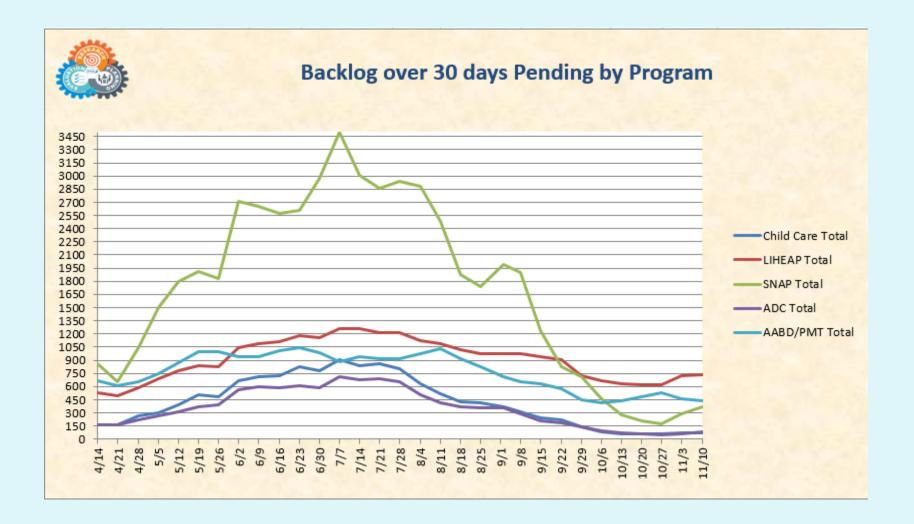
### Work in Progress by Programs

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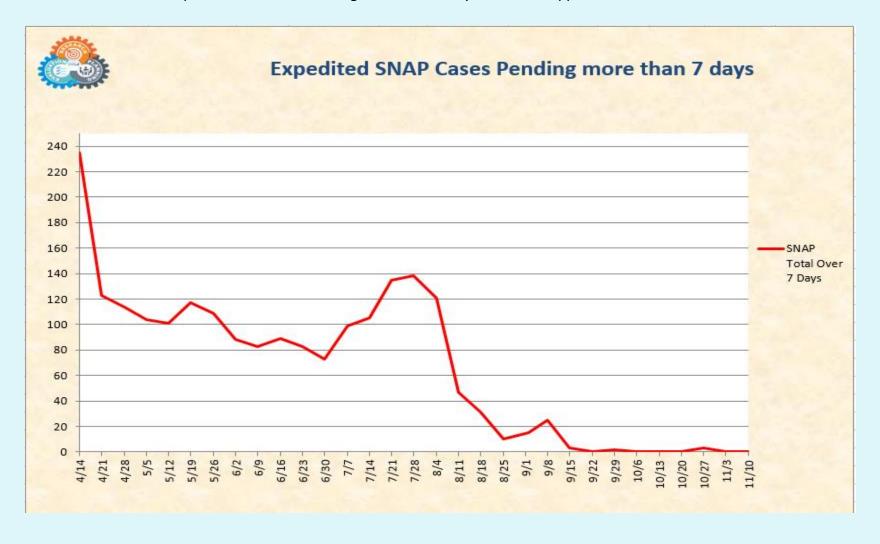
### Backlog of Pending Program Cases over 30 days

Definition: Backlog of Pending Program Cases over 30 days is defined as the total number of Program Cases that are in Pending status over 30 days from their application received date. 30 days pending may not mean that the case is untimely depending on program. Each program is represented as a line on the chart.

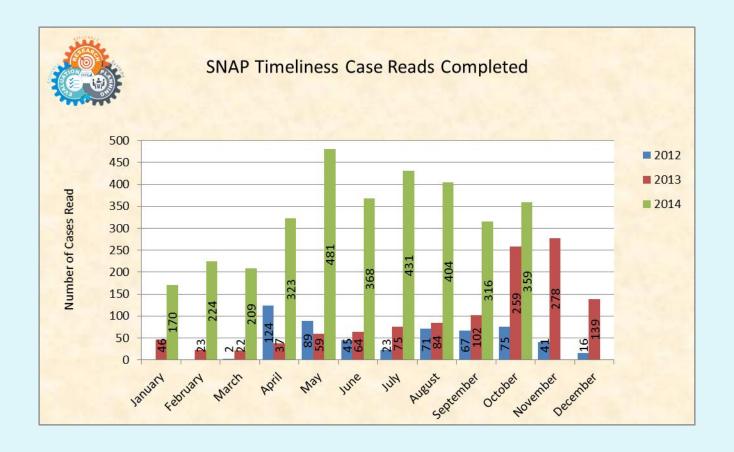


# **Backlog of Program Cases**

Definition: Backlog of Expedited SNAP cases Pending more than 7 days is defined as the total number of SNAP Program cases that have been screened as Expedited and are in Pending status over 7 days from their application received date.



### **SNAP Timeliness Case Reads**



#### **SNAP: Timeliness**

#### **Strengths/Accomplishments:**

R.E.P. Released:

1. Postpone Verifications: 9/22/2014

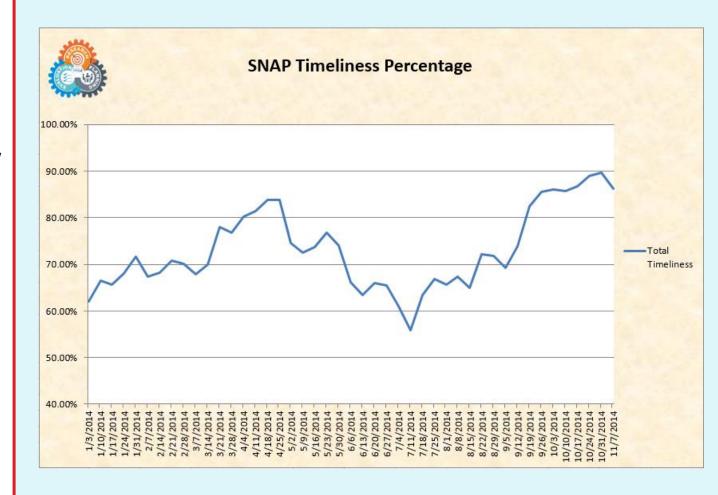
#### SCR:

- 1. SCR 15527 for November will create a queue of pending cases that have not been assigned and then we will auto assign them.
- 2. SCR 10182 for November will allow clients to view VRs in real time.

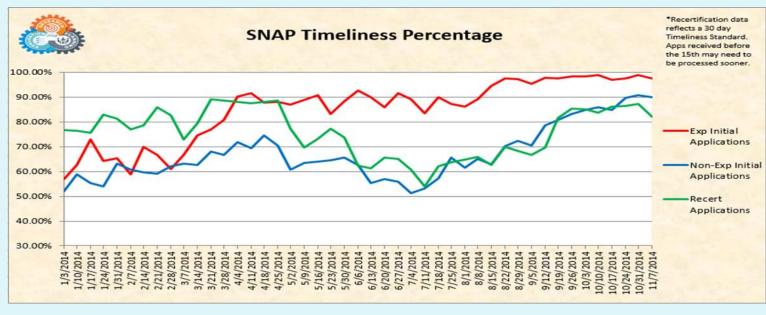
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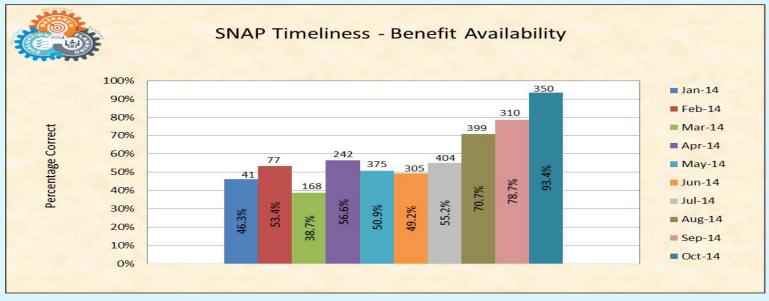
**Barriers:** 

**Goal Statement:** The SNAP program will move towards the goal of 96% accuracy on actions taken on all SNAP household cases.

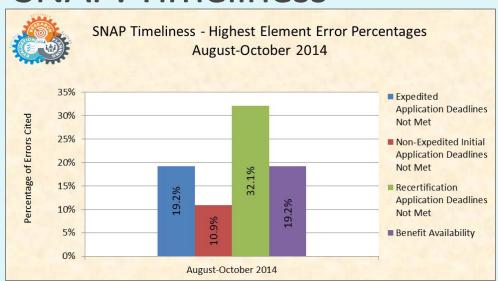


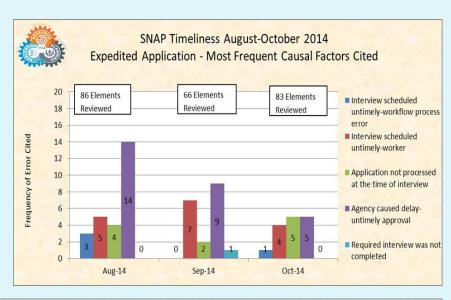
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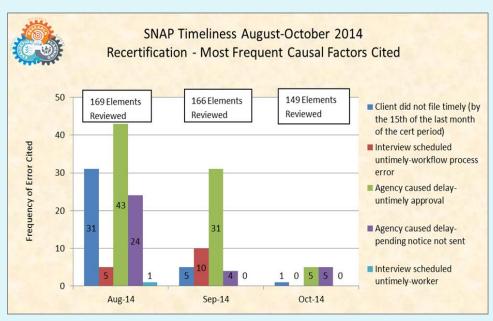


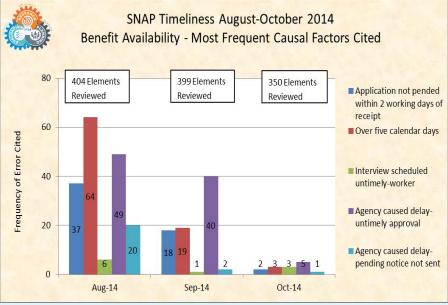


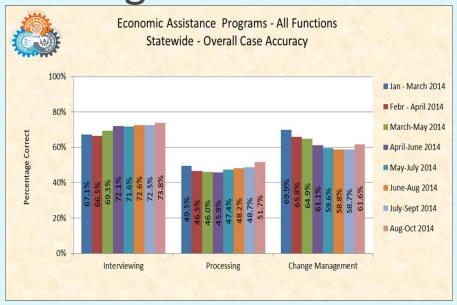
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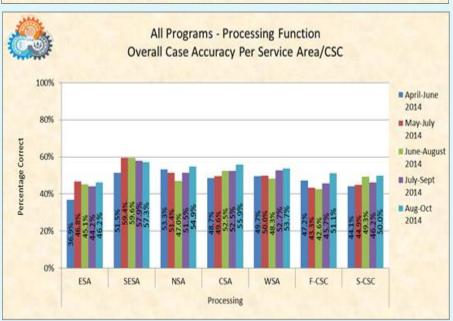


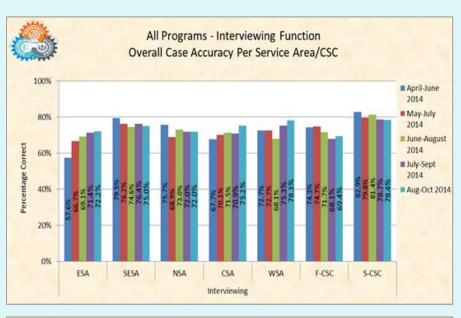


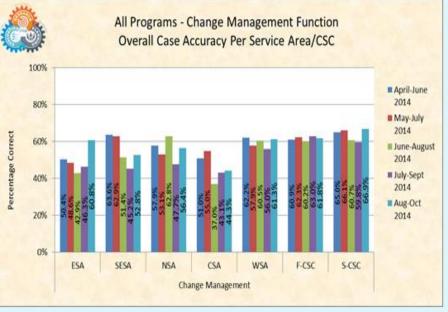


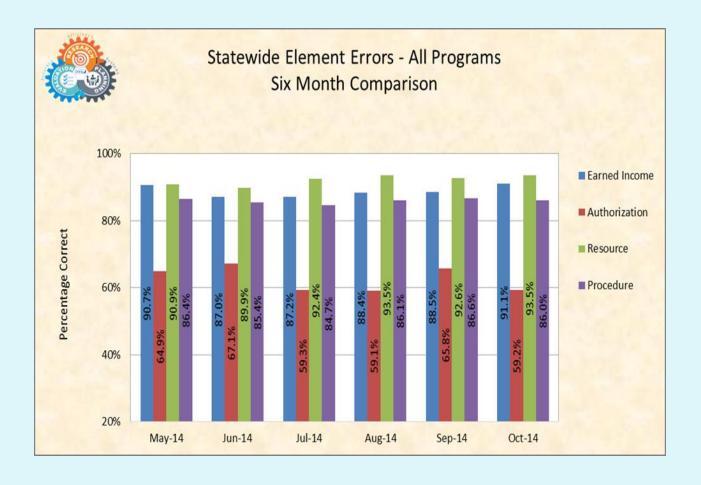


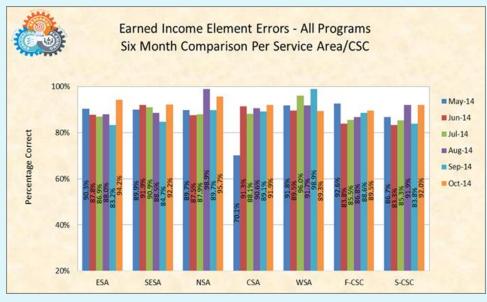


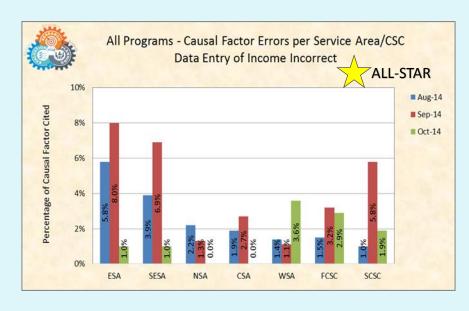


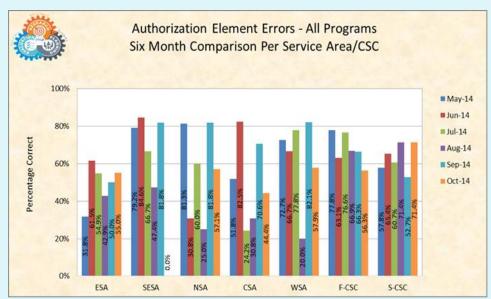


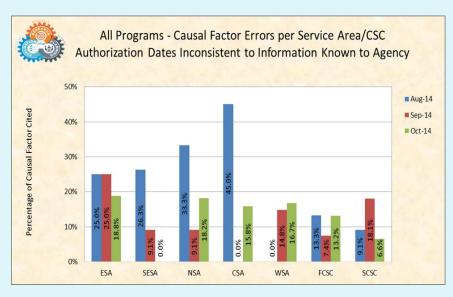


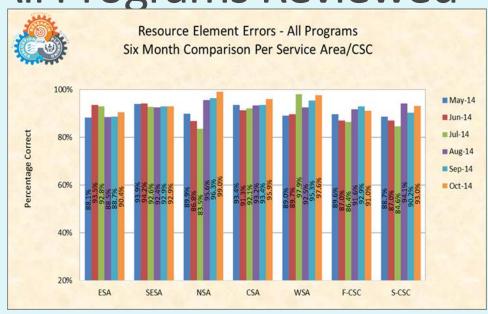


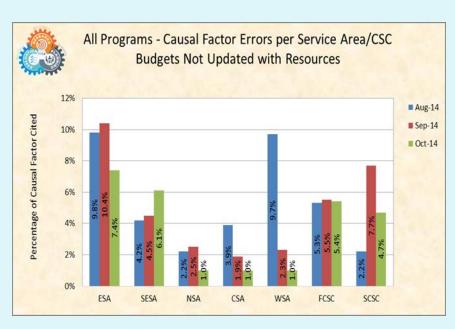


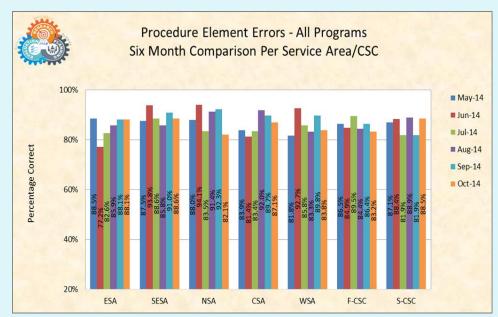


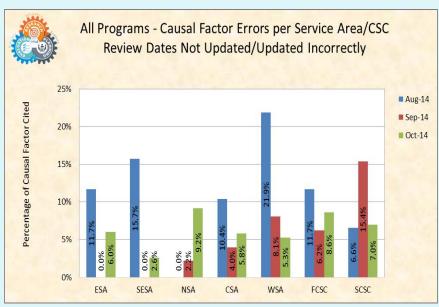




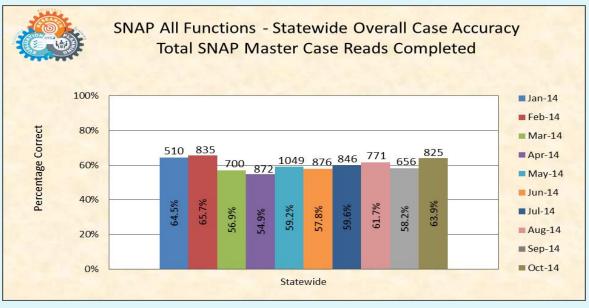


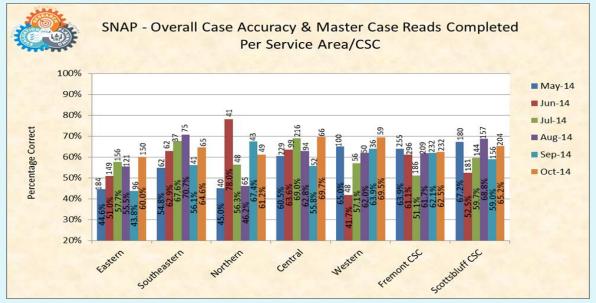




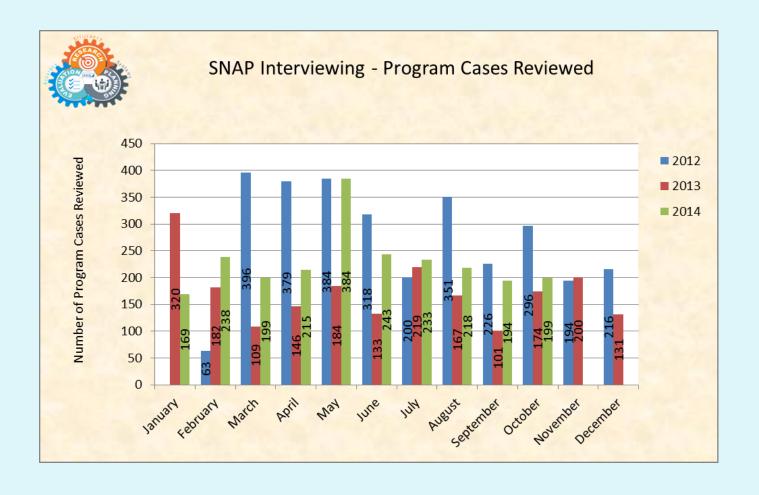


### **SNAP Accuracy**





# **SNAP Interviewing Program Case Reads**



#### **SNAP: Interviewing**

#### **Strengths/Accomplishments:**

R.E.P. Released:

1. Adding Programs to Review Applications: 11/3/2014

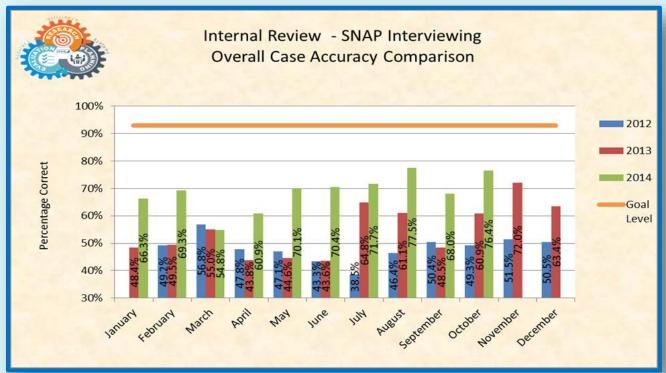
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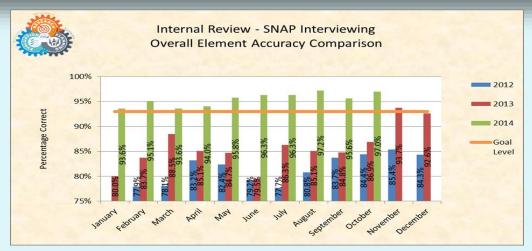
- 1. SCR 13196 for November will automatically add the SUA expense after LIHEAP has been issued.
- SCR 15666 for November the EA application will now require an account.
- SCR 15052 for November will enhance the Interview Tracking window.

#### **Action Items:**

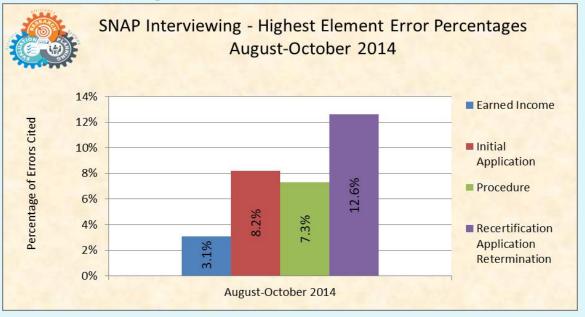
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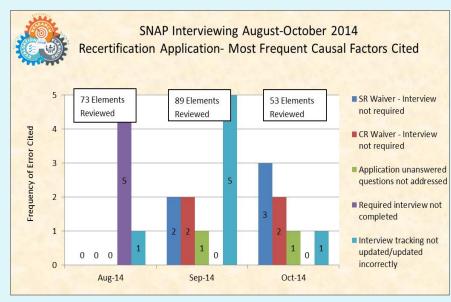
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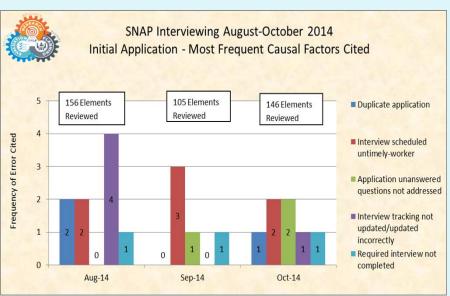




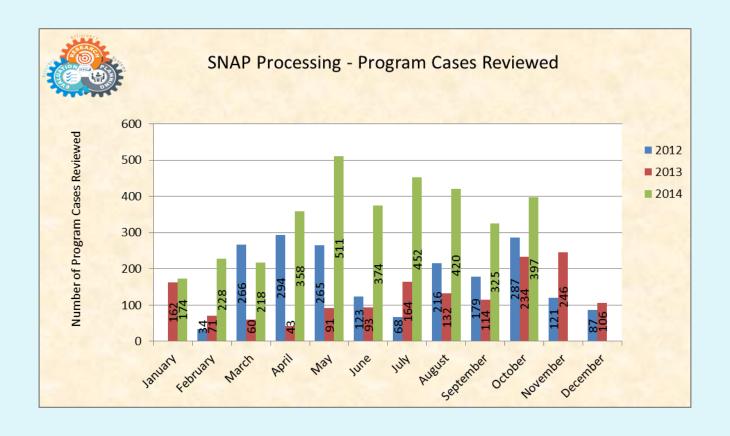
### **SNAP: Interviewing**







### **SNAP Processing Program Case Reads**



#### **SNAP: Processing**

#### **Strengths/Accomplishments:**

R.F.P. Released:

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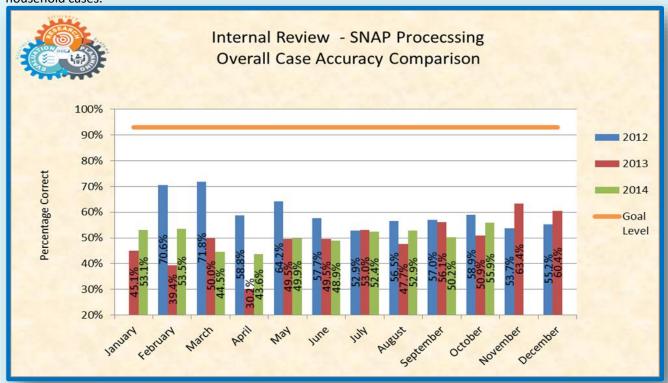
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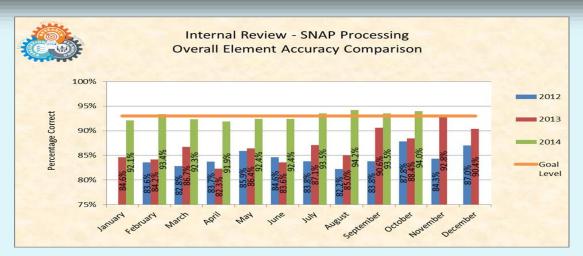
- SCR 5457 for November will allow workers to correct cert period corrections when no benefits are issued.
- SCR 13196 for November will automatically add the SUA expense after LIHEAP has been issued.
- SCR 15792 for November will require viewing the budget summary before a budget can be authorized.
- SCR 8099 for November will end FTC sanctions when PA cases close.

#### **Action Items:**

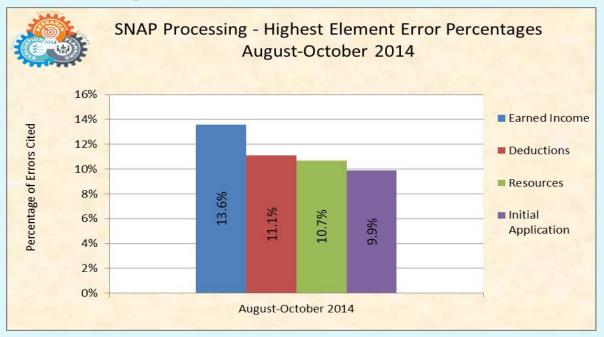
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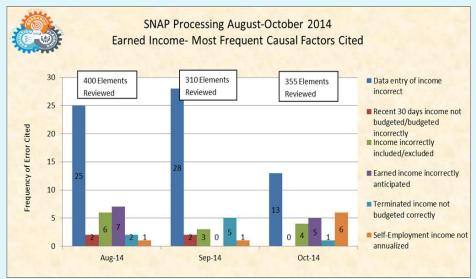
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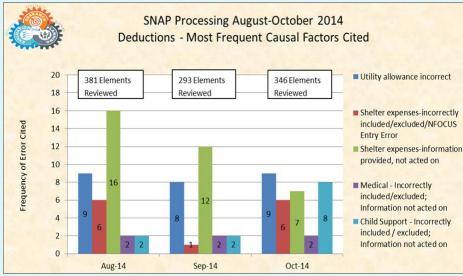




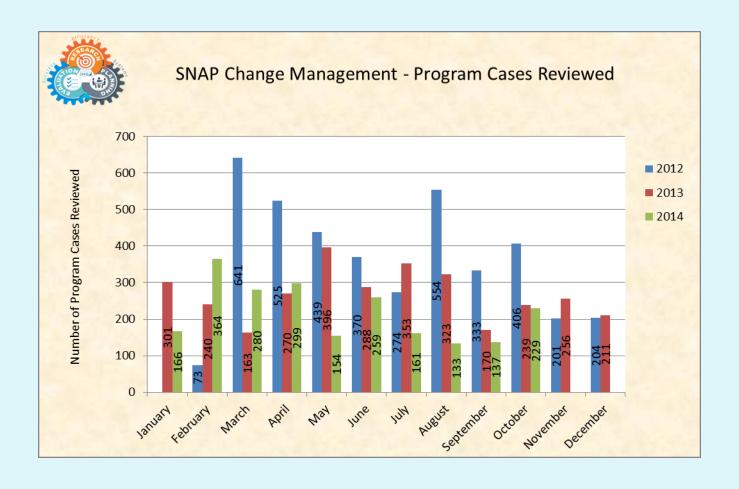
# **SNAP: Processing**







## SNAP Change Management Program Case Reads



#### SNAP: Change Management

#### **Strengths/Accomplishments:**

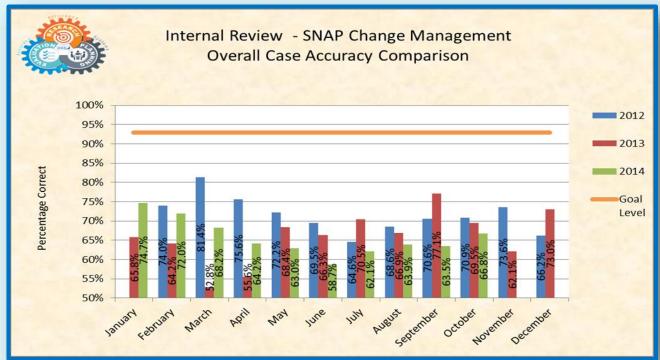
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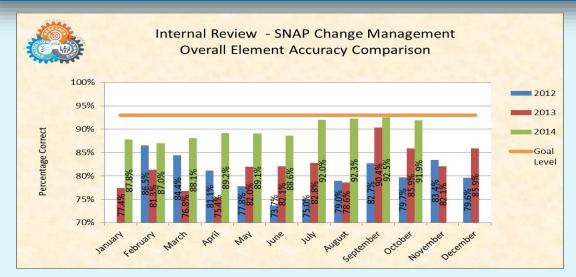
- SCR 15789 for November will allow the AN website to support Google Chrome.
- SCR 15878 for November will allow budgeting of SNAP cases for ineligible ARP.
- SCR 15275 for November will add a closure reason of Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Disqualification.
- SCR 1548 for November will assign a new PINs when cases is reopened if PIN has not been used.

#### **Action Items:**

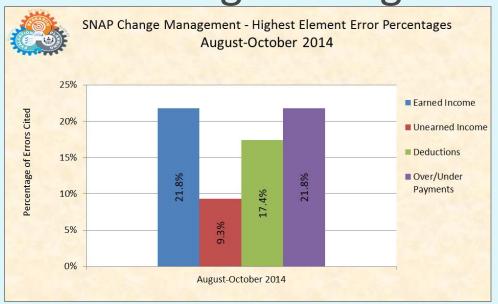
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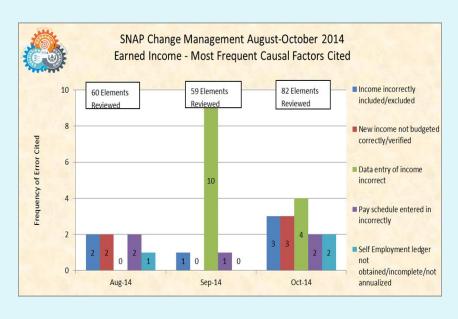
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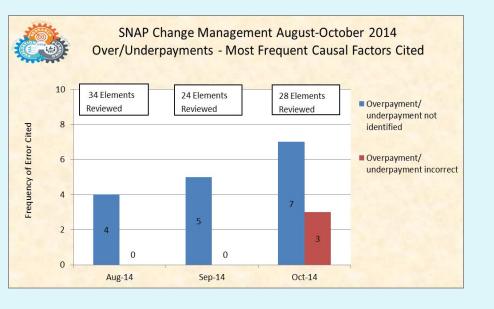


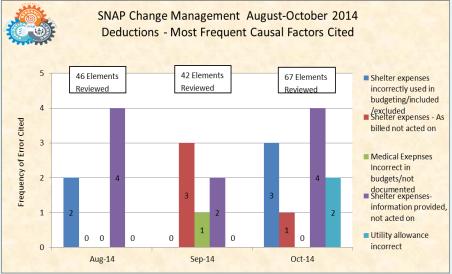


### **SNAP: Change Management**









### **SNAP Success Story**

### **Processing**

Initial Application Element: Removed Causal – Standard
 day timeframe not met, last error cited 7/2014

## **SNAP: Steps to Improvement**



### **Timeliness:**

 Clarification on denials of applications when interviews were scheduled late: Teri Chasten.

### Interviewing:

- ✓ Application month income tip and update to EIV: Teri Chasten
- ✓ Turning off SNAP Expedited indicator switch: Brian Svoboda

### **Processing:**

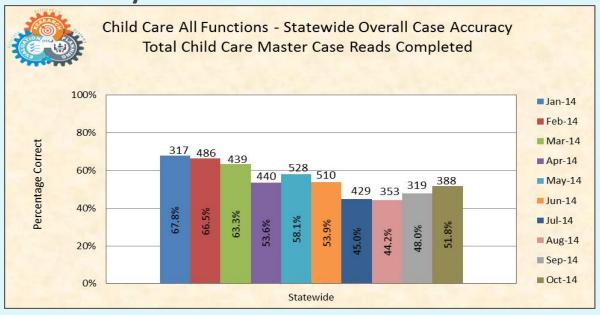
 One time report on cases that are in the wrong Category: Brian Svoboda (criteria for categories is needed to create report)

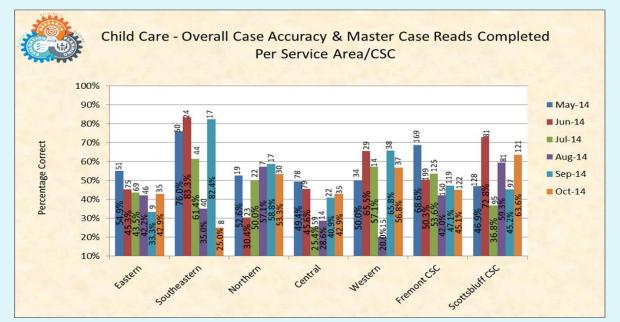


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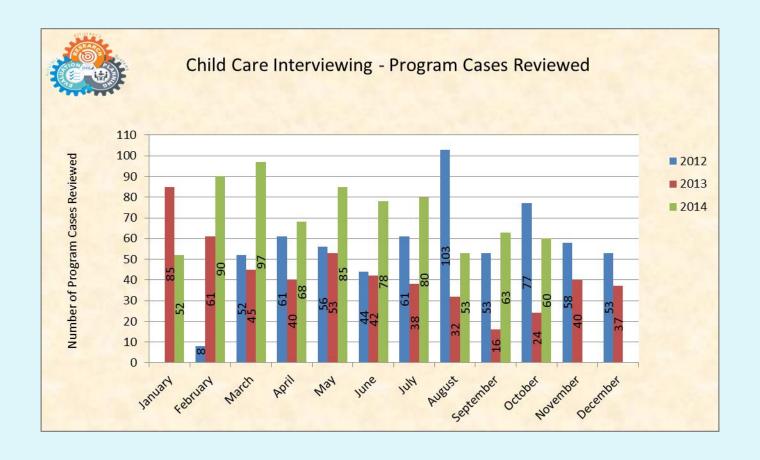
 Training/Tip for follow-up questions to be asked during the interview: Hillary Harm and Dawn Peatrowsky

### Child Care Accuracy





## Child Care Interviewing Program Case Reads



Child Care: Interviewing

#### **Strengths/Accomplishments:**

R.E.P. Released:

- 1. Adding Programs to Review Applications: 11/3/2014
- 2. Partial Pay: 11/10/14

Captivate Released:

Common CC Errors Lesson
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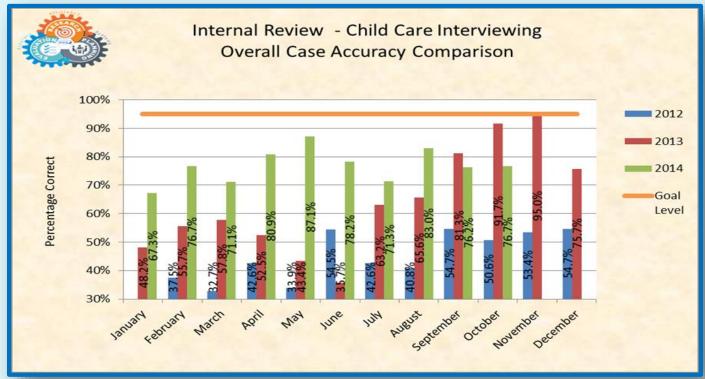
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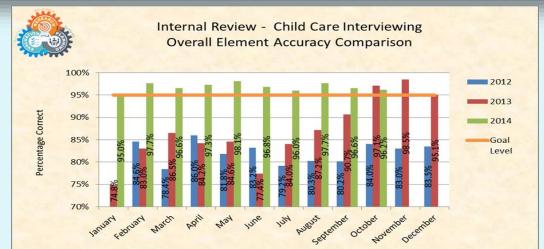
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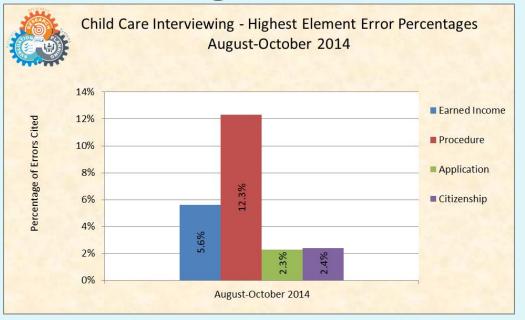
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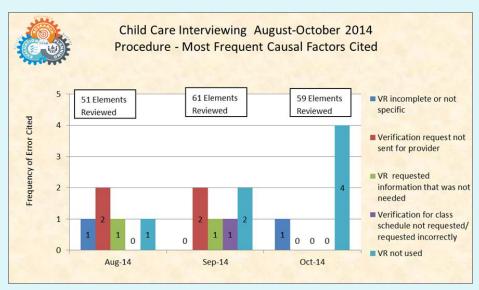
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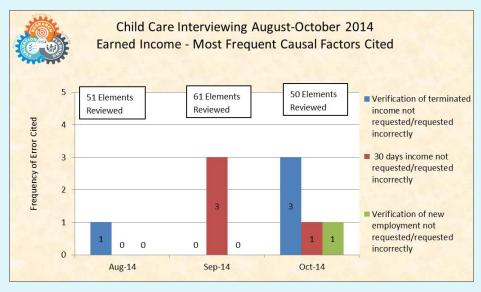




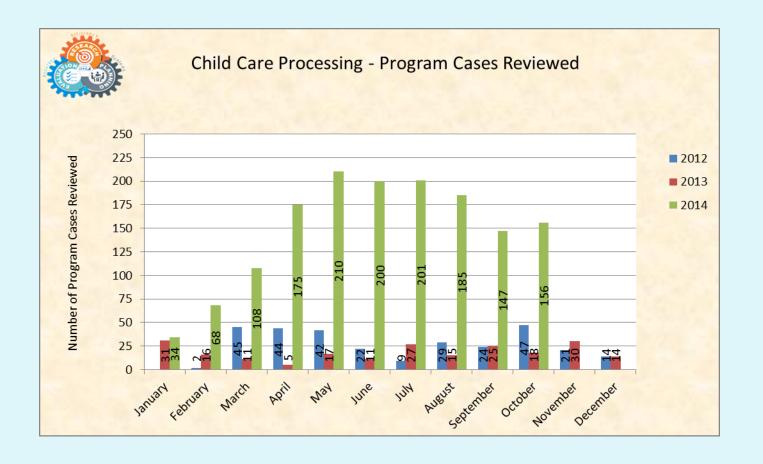
## **Child Care: Interviewing**







## Child Care Processing Program Case Reads



#### Child Care: Processing

#### **Strengths/Accomplishments:**

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- 2. Partial Pay Income: 11/10/2014

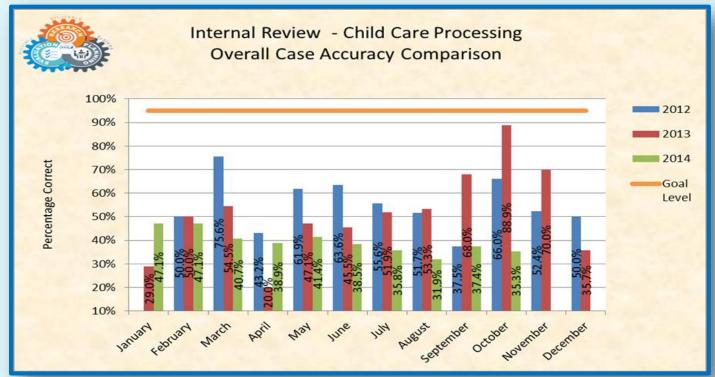
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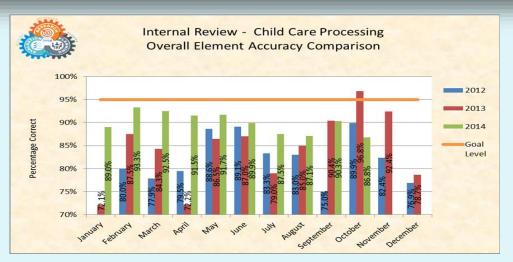
- 1. Common CC Errors Lesson 22 SCR:
- SCR 15056 Verif request correspondence will be added to CBI.

#### **Action Items:**

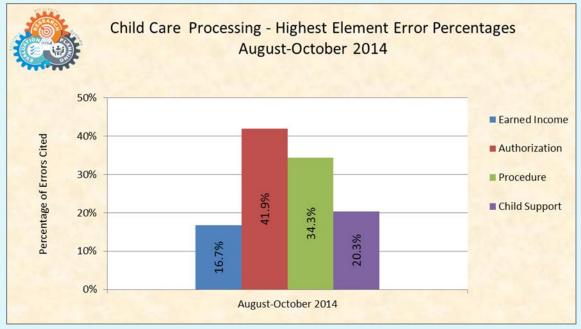
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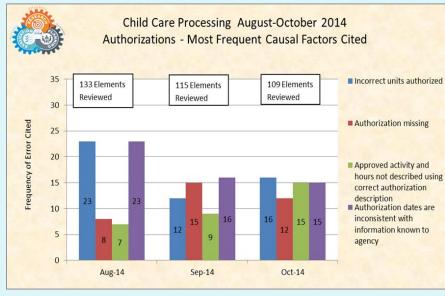
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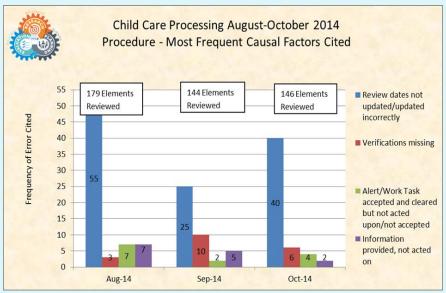




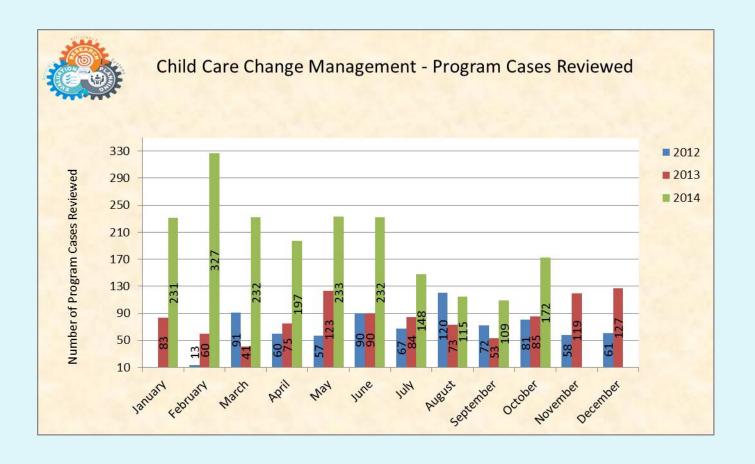
## **Child Care: Processing**







## Child Care Change Management Program Case Reads



#### Child Care: Change Management

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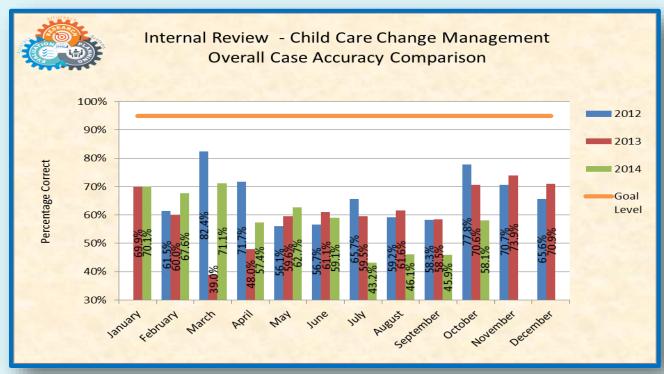
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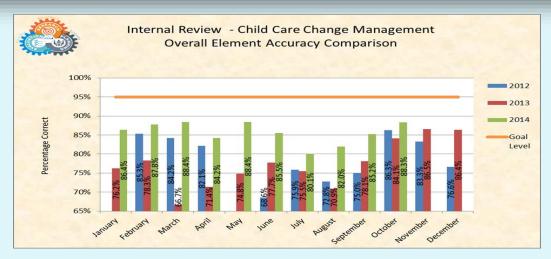
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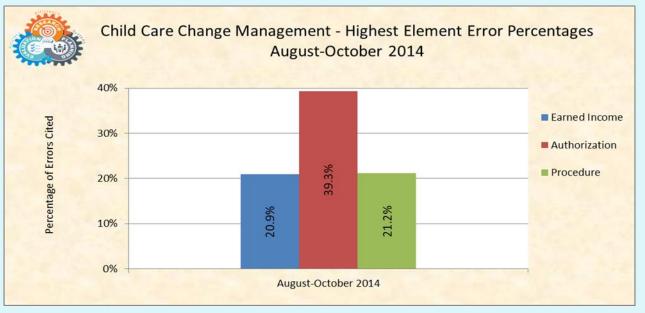
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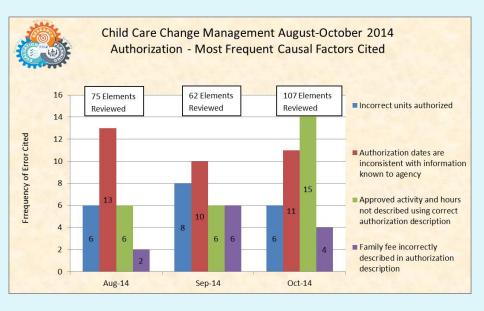
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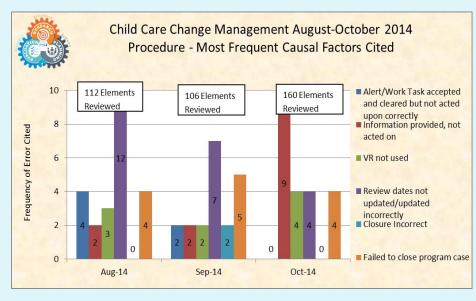




## Child Care: Change Management







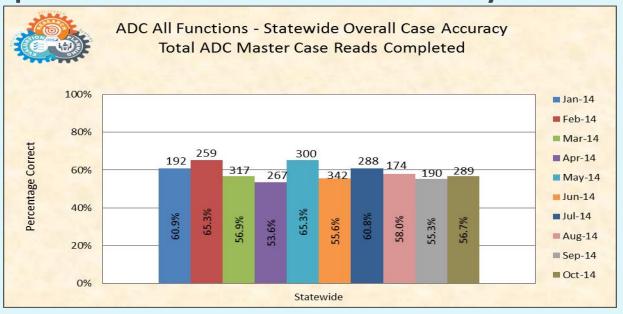
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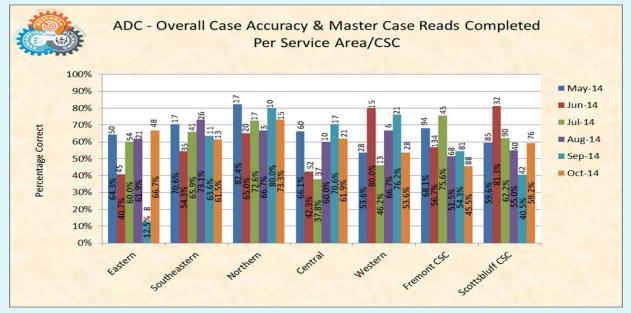


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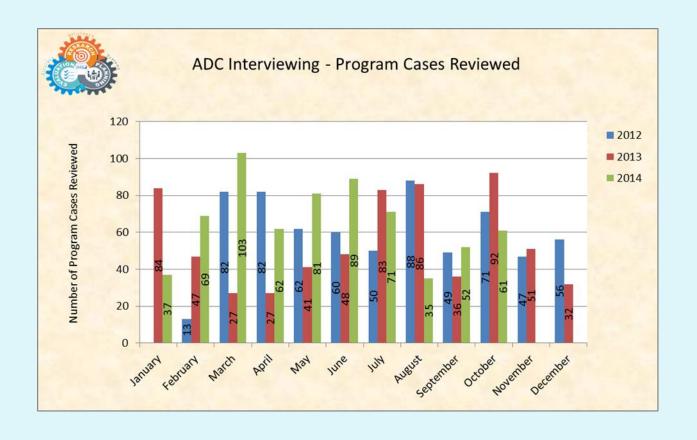
Creating a work group to create a calendar and/or spreadsheet for correct child care authorizations: Kathy Shambaugh

## Aid to Dependent Children Accuracy





### Aid to Dependent Children: Interviewing Program Case Reads



Aid to Dependent Child:

Interviewing

#### **Strengths/Accomplishments:**

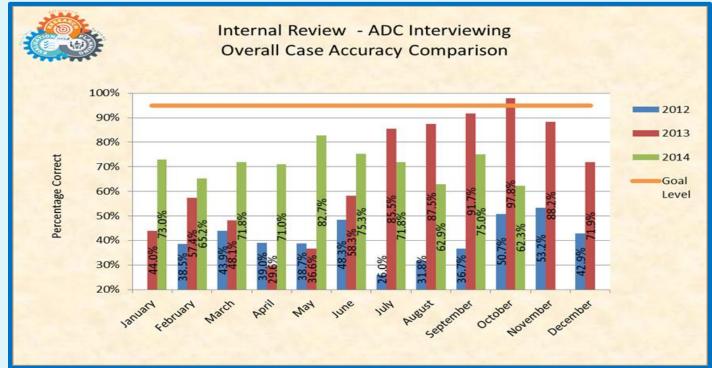
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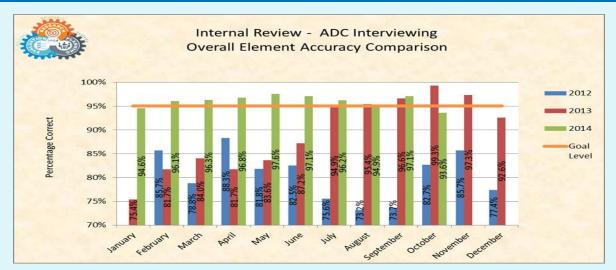
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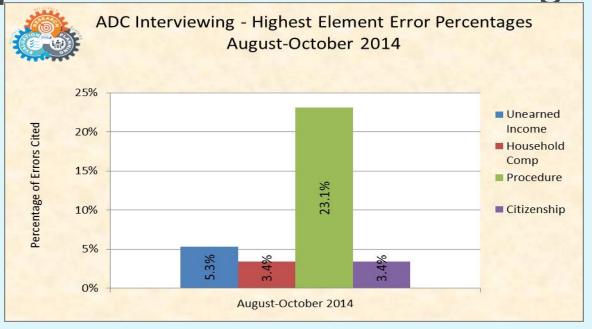
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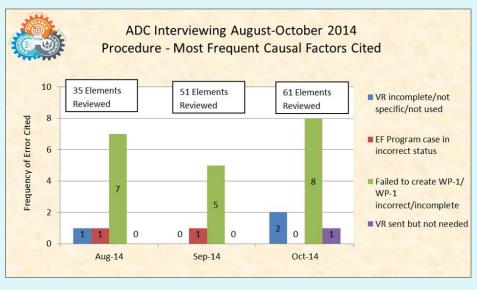
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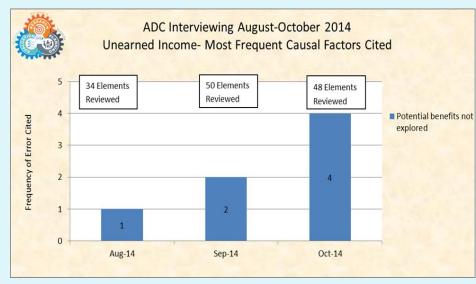




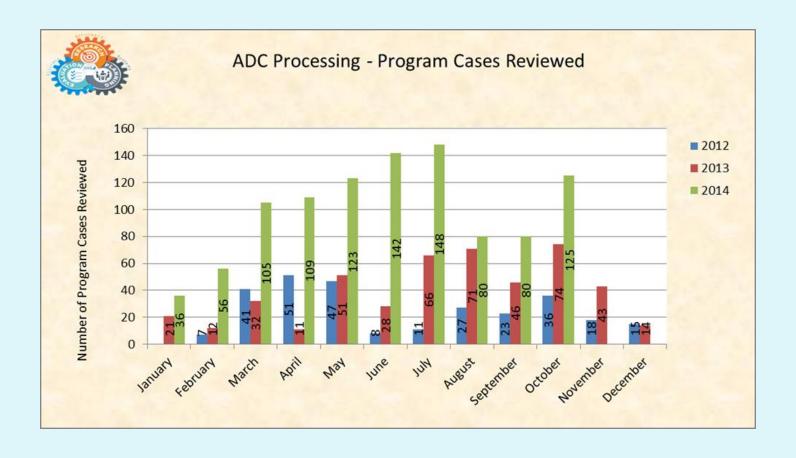
Aid to Dependent Children: Interviewing







### Aid to Dependent Children: Processing Program Case Reads



## Aid to Dependent Child : Processing

#### **Strengths/Accomplishments:**

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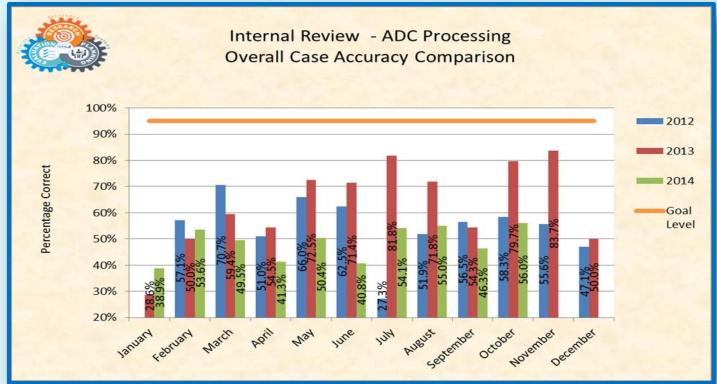
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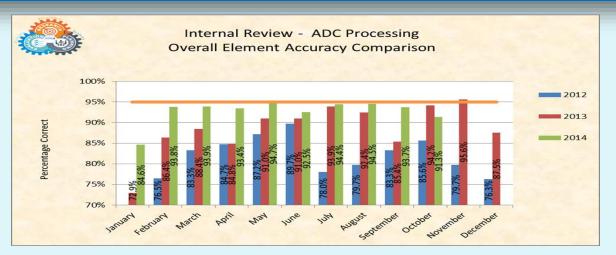
- SCR 15116 for November requires ADC budget to be run when an EF status or reason are updated.
- 2. SCR 15118 for November will create an alert for the EF worker when ADC budget is run.
- 3. SCR 15387 for November redesigns the WP FS-1.

#### **Action Items:**

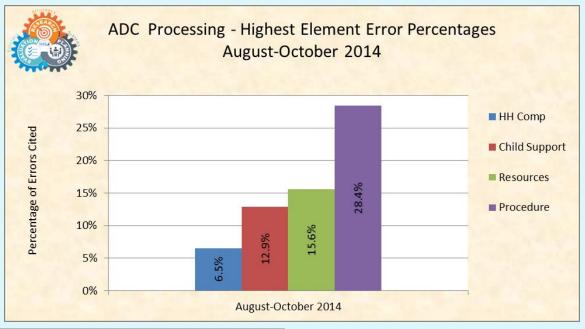
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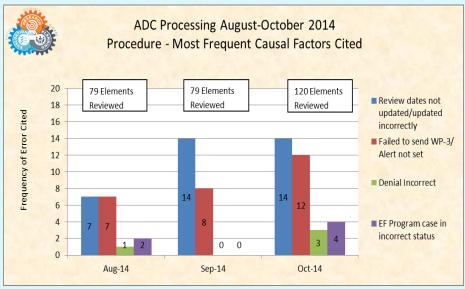
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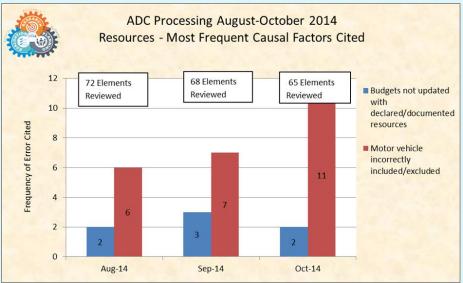




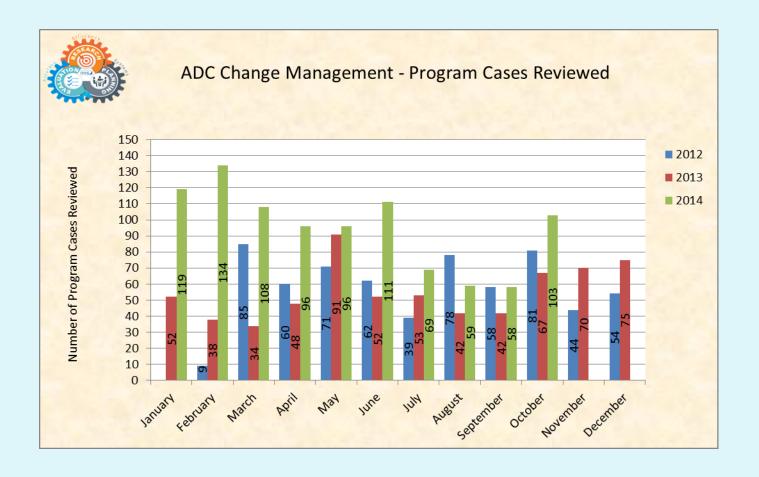
## Aid to Dependent Children: Processing







### Aid to Dependent Children: Change Management Program Case Reads



Aid to Dependent Child : Change Management

#### Strengths/Accomplishments:

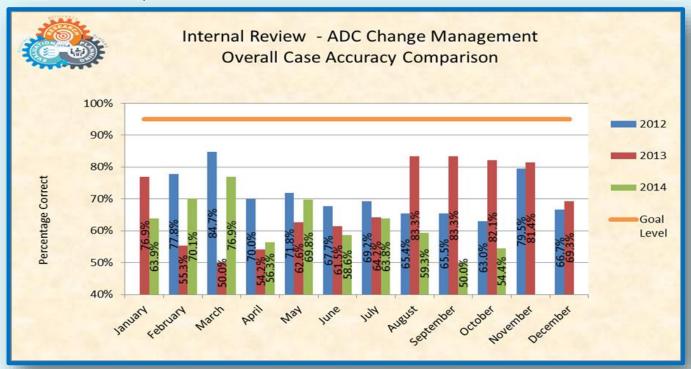
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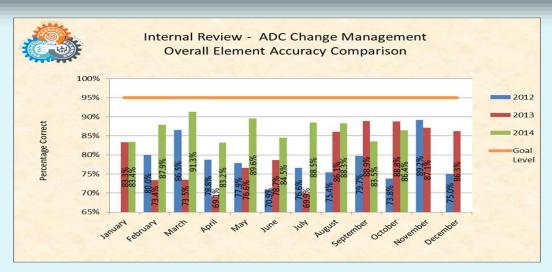
1. SCR 15146 configures 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester Unborns into the ADC case.

#### **Action Items:**

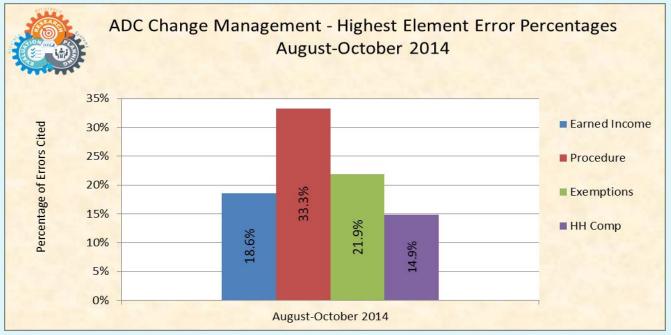
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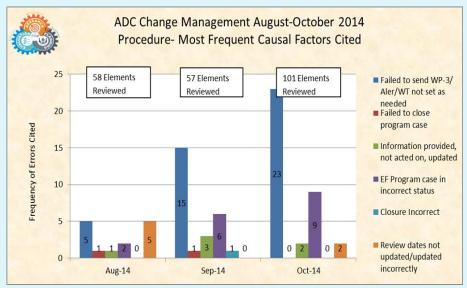
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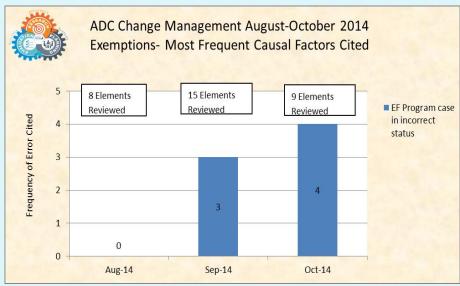




## Aid to Dependent Children: Change Management





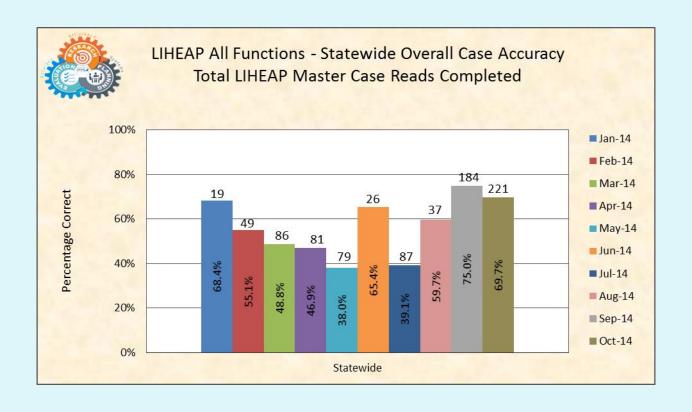


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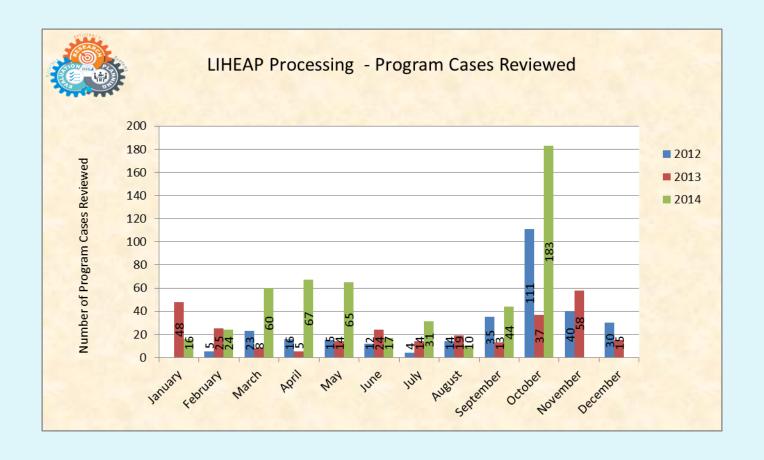
### **Interviewing**

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## Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program: Accuracy



### Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Processing Program Case Reads



Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program: Processing

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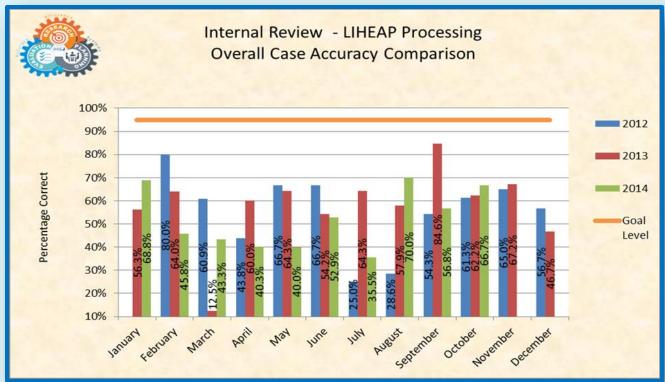
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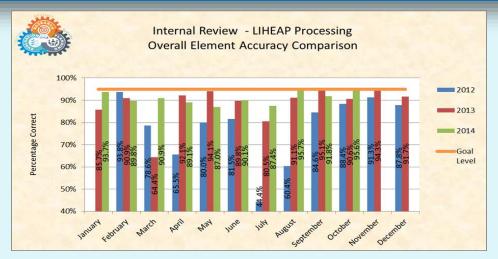
1. SCR 16004 for November will disable budgeting on closed LIHEAP cases.

#### **Action Items:**

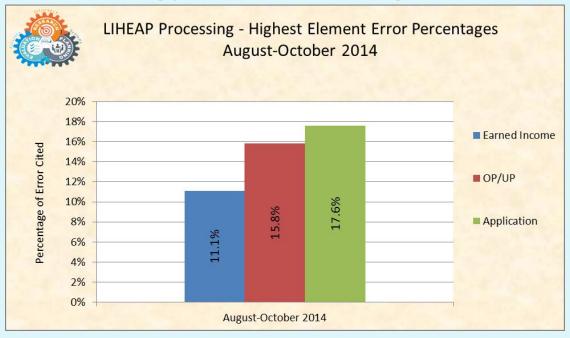
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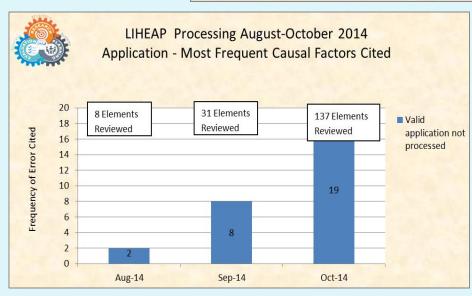
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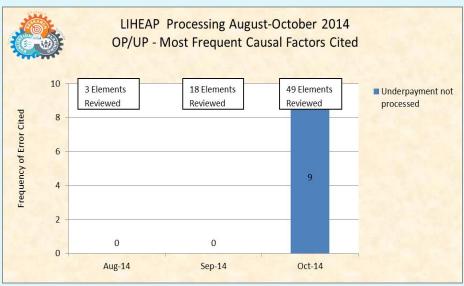




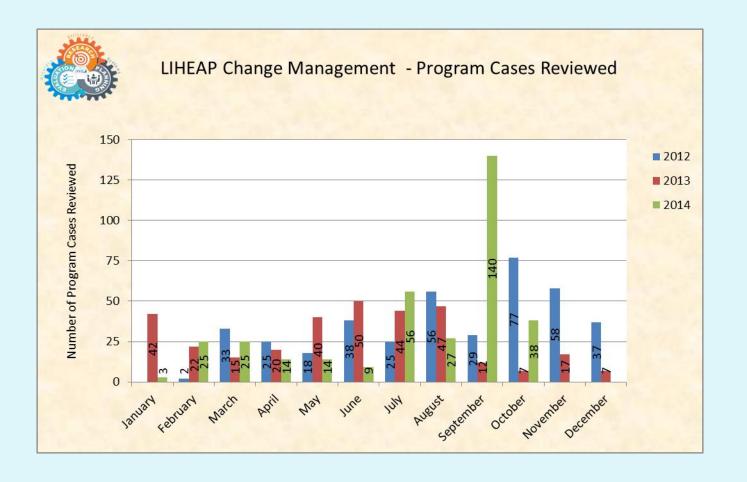
### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program: Processing







### Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program: Change Management Program Case Reads



#### Low Income Energy Assistance Program: Change Management

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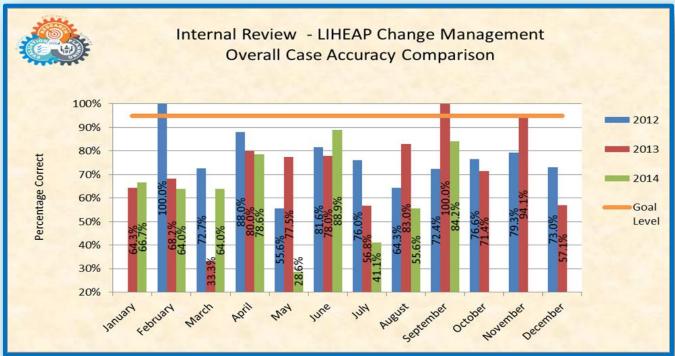
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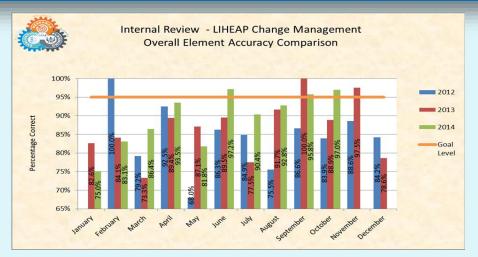
- In July, MESA has been updated to be able to run more cases, preventing work task creation.
- 2. LIHEAP overpayments/sanctions will be recorded in N-FOCUS.

#### **Action Items:**

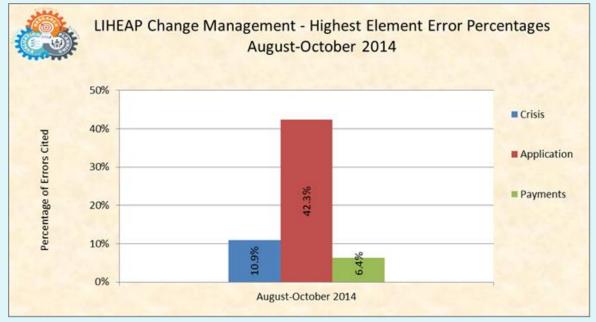
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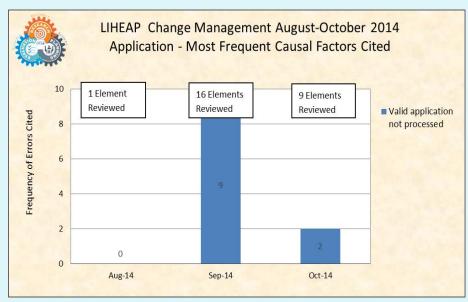
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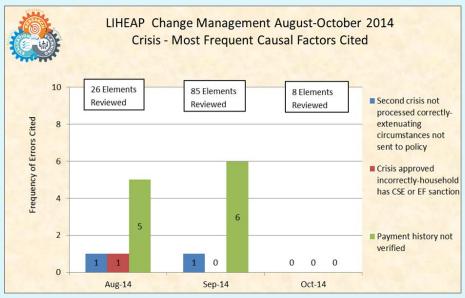




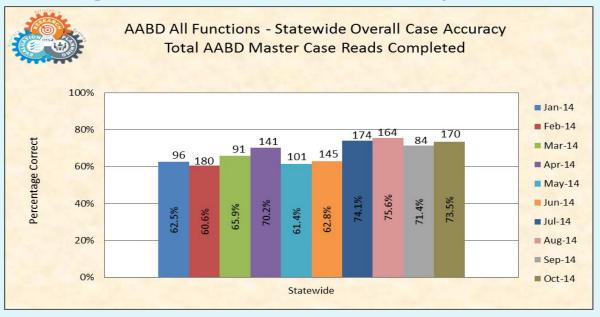
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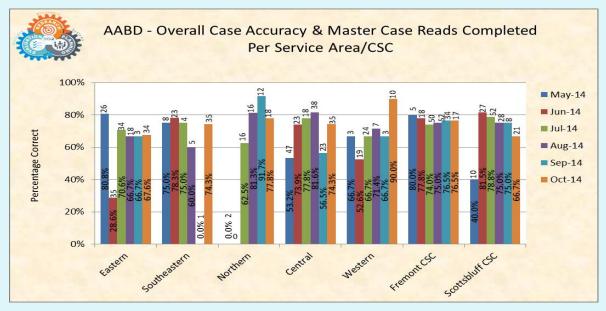




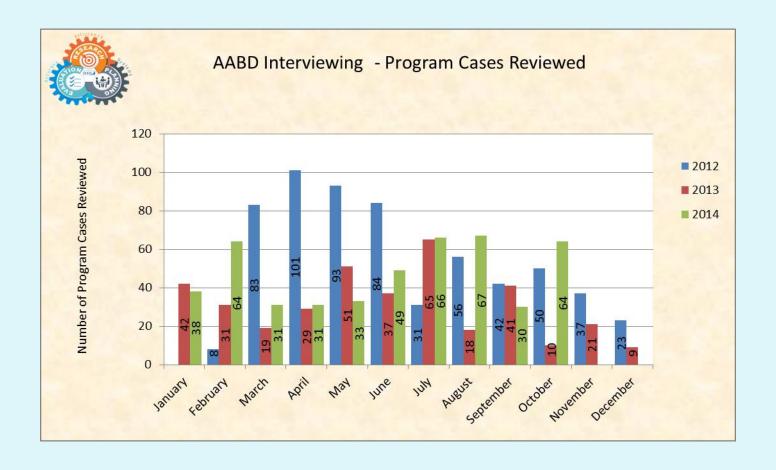


### Assistance to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled Payment Accuracy





### Assistance to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled Payment: Interviewing Case Reads



Assistance to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled Payment: Interviewing

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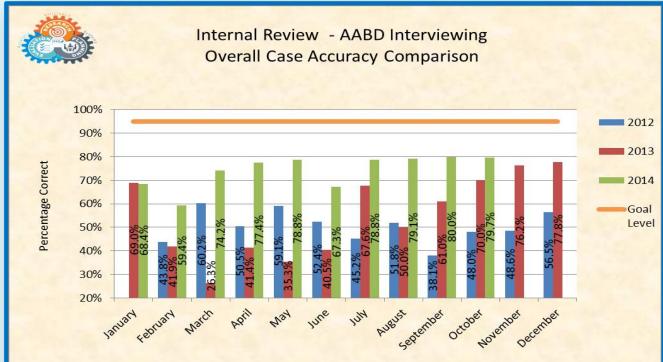
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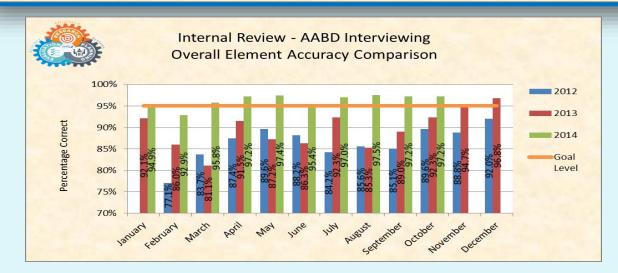
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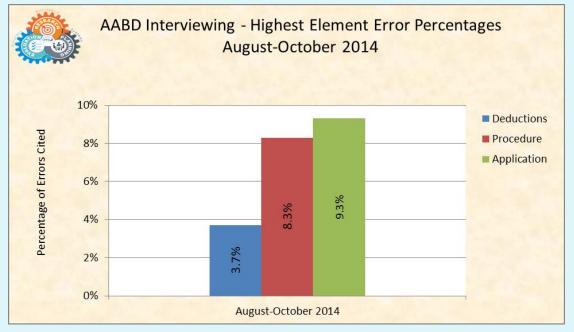
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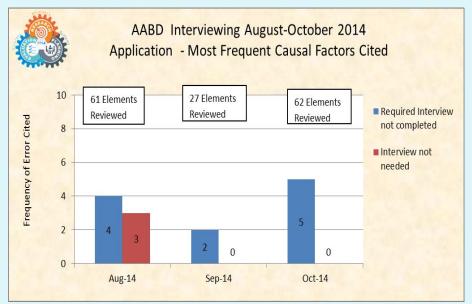
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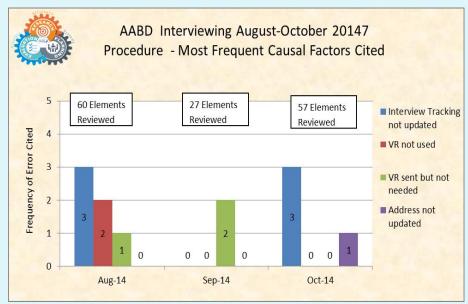




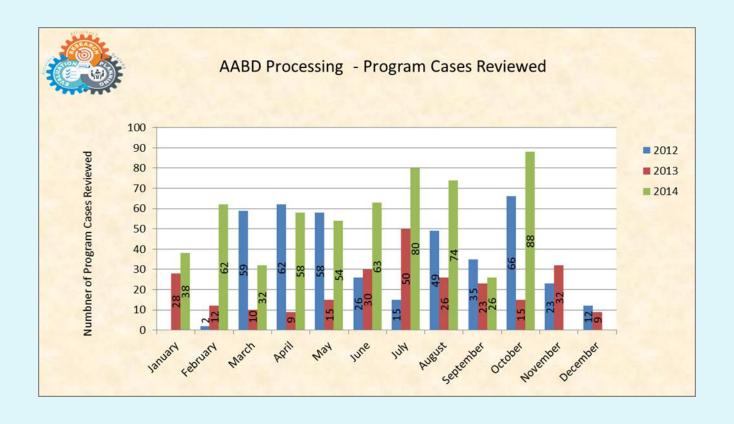
### Assistance to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled Payment: Interviewing







### Assistance to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled Payment: Processing Program Case Reads



Assistance to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled Payment: Processing

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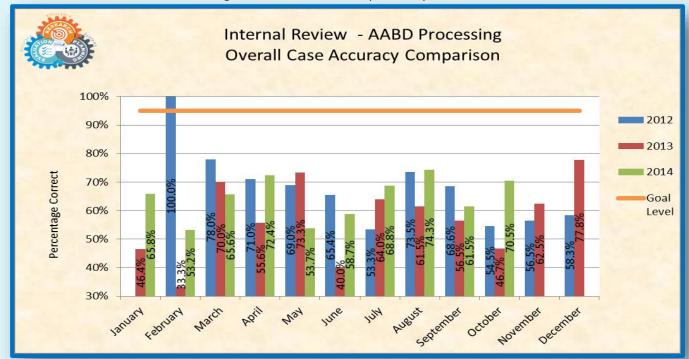
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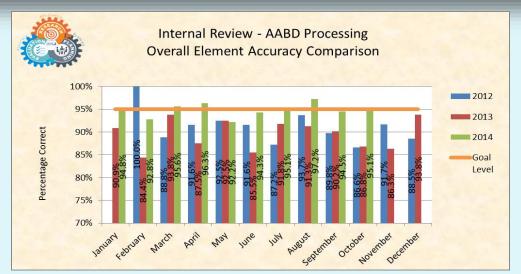
 SCR 14050 for November allows budgeting for LPR clients.

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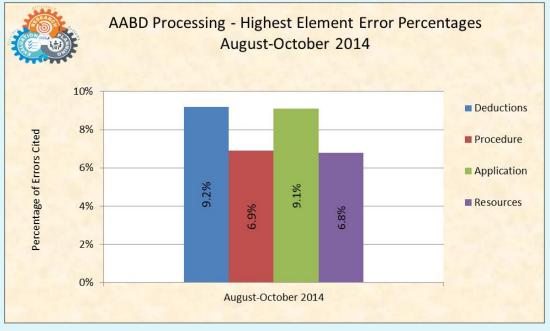
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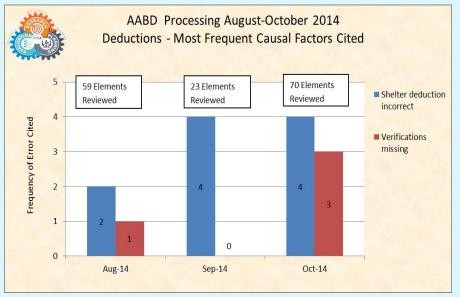
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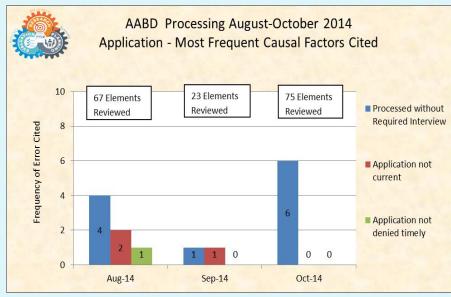




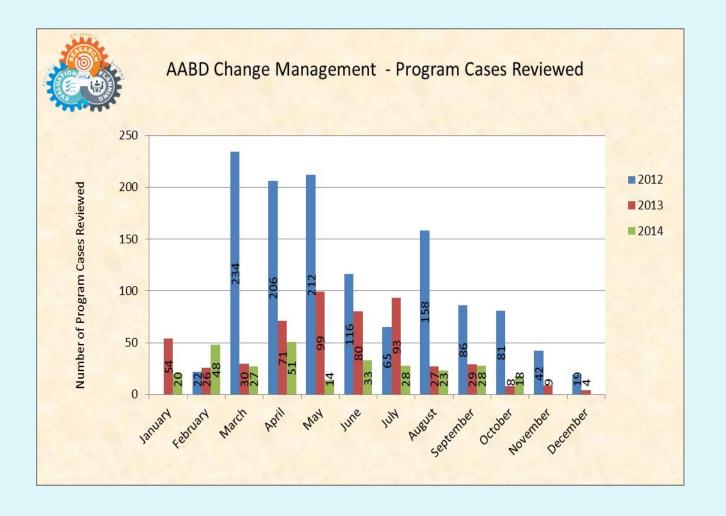
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### Assistance to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled Payment: Change Management Program Case Reads



Assistance to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled Payment: Change

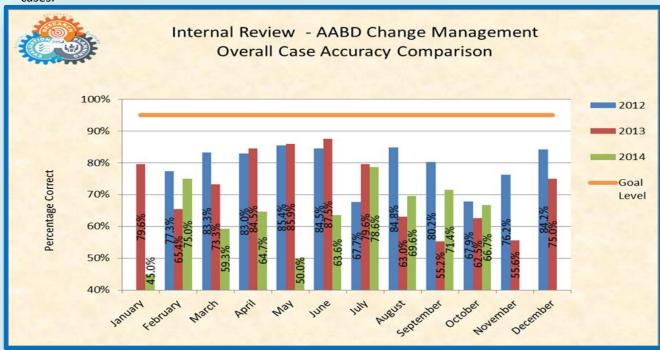
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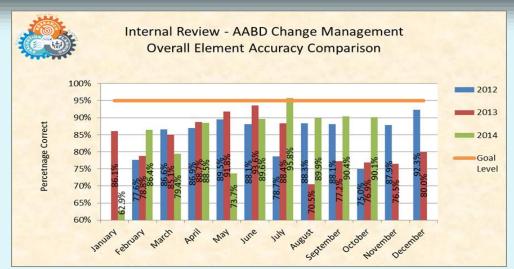
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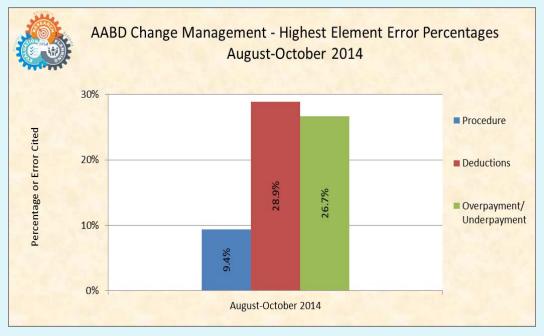
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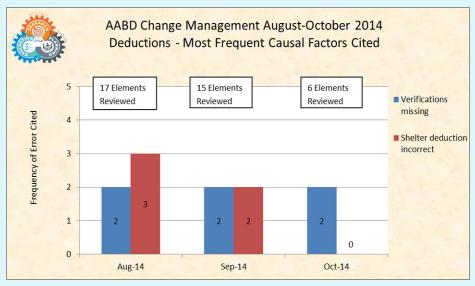
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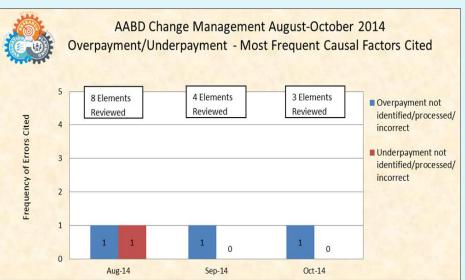




### Assistance to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled Payment: Change Management







#### **AABD Success Stories**

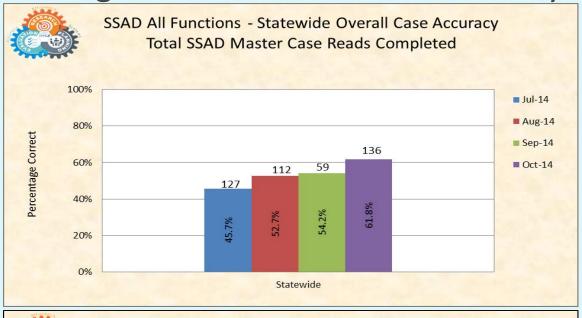
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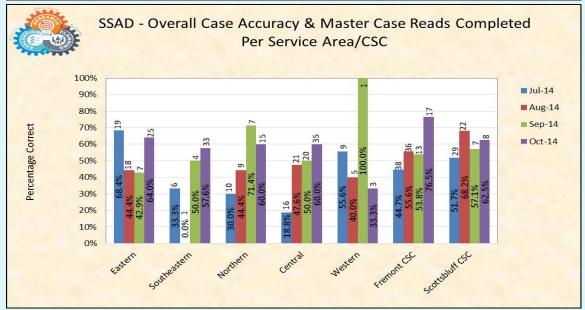
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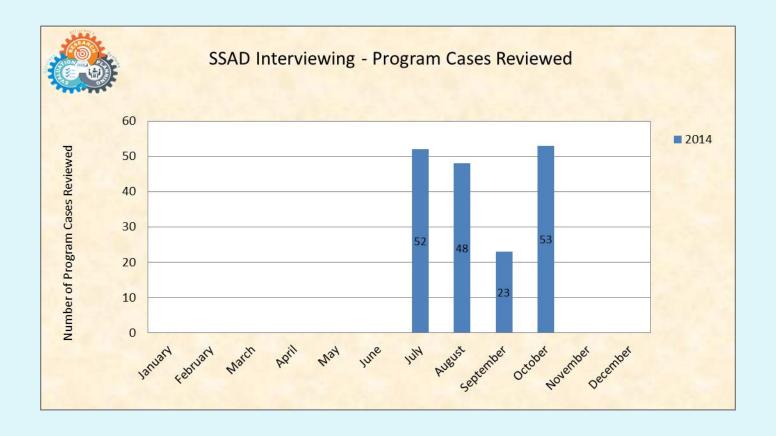
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## Social Services for Aged and Disabled Adults Accuracy





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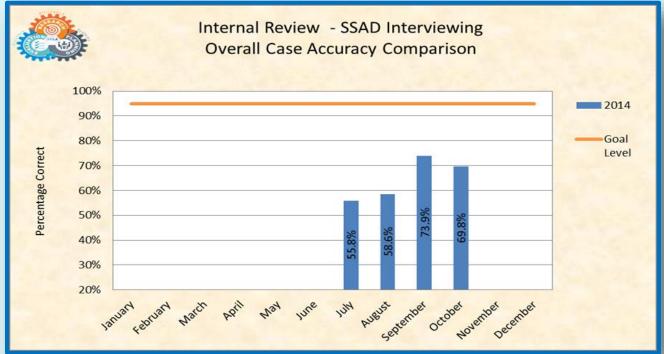


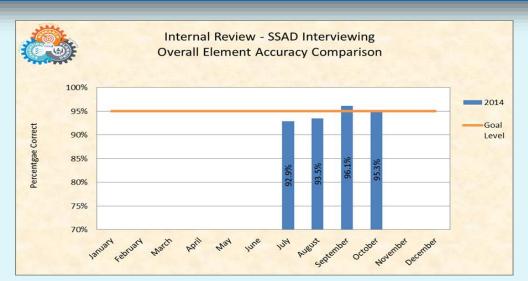
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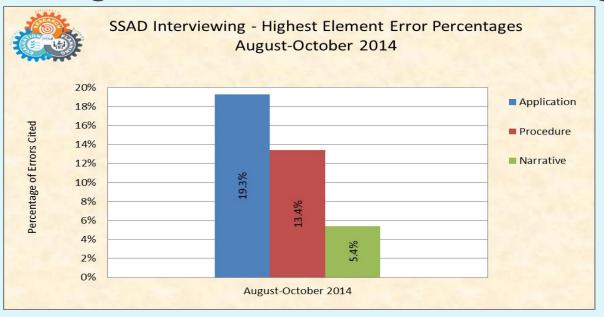
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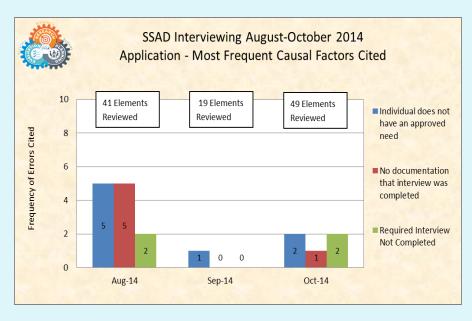
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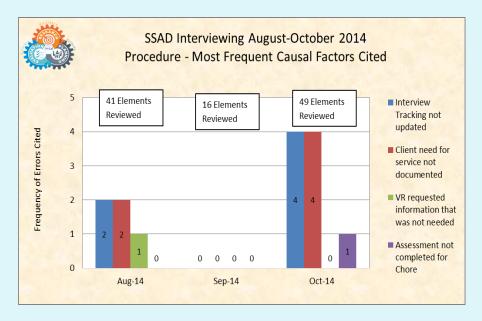




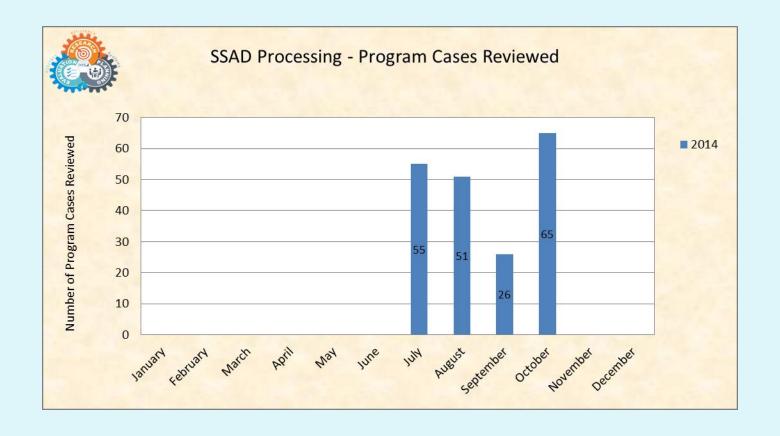
## Social Services for Aged and Disabled Adults: Interviewing







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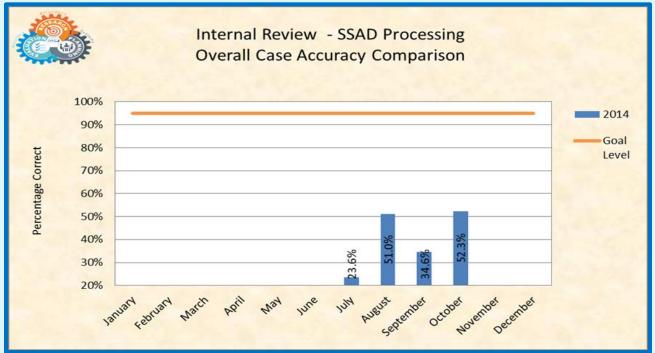
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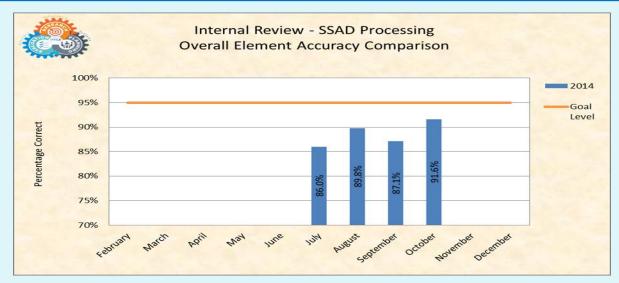
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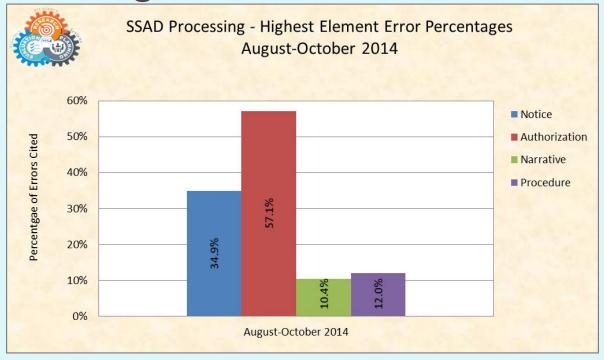
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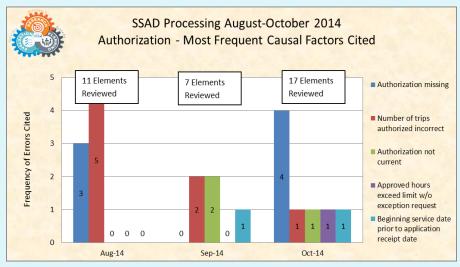
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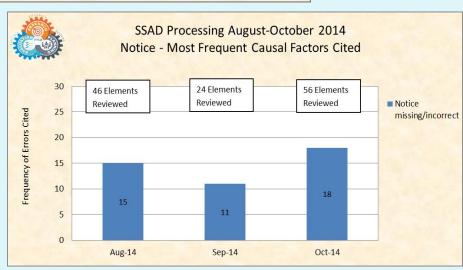




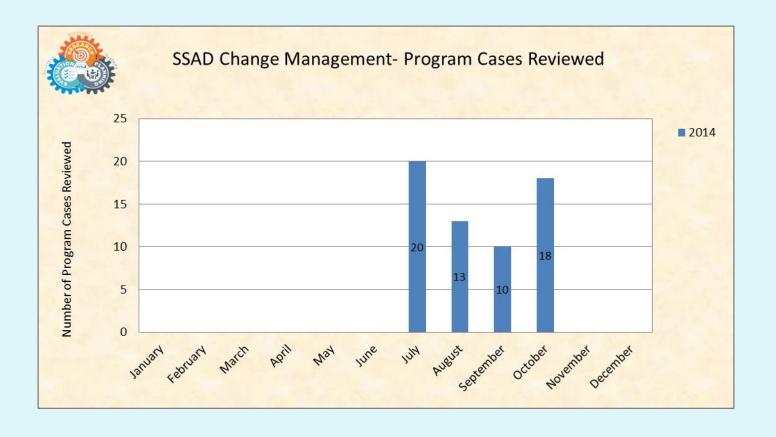
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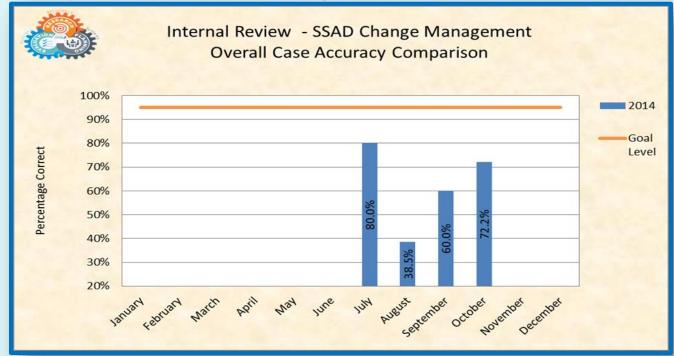


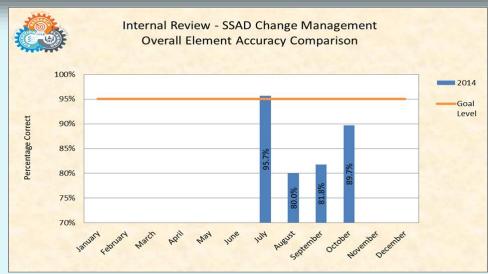
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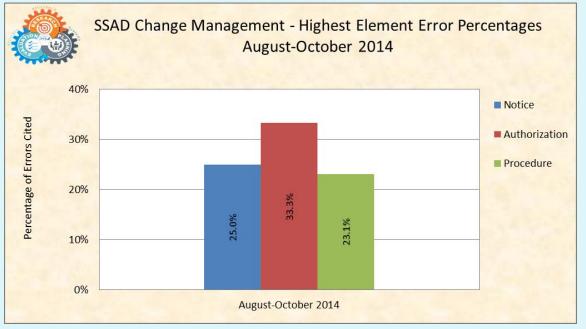
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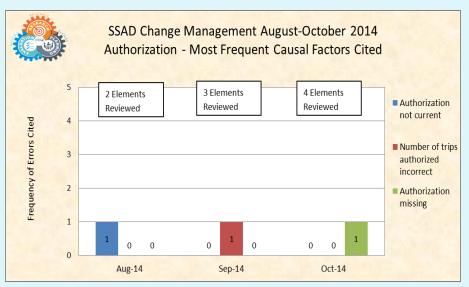
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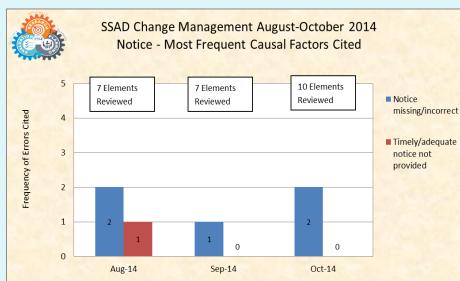




## Social Services for Aged and Disabled Adults: Change Management





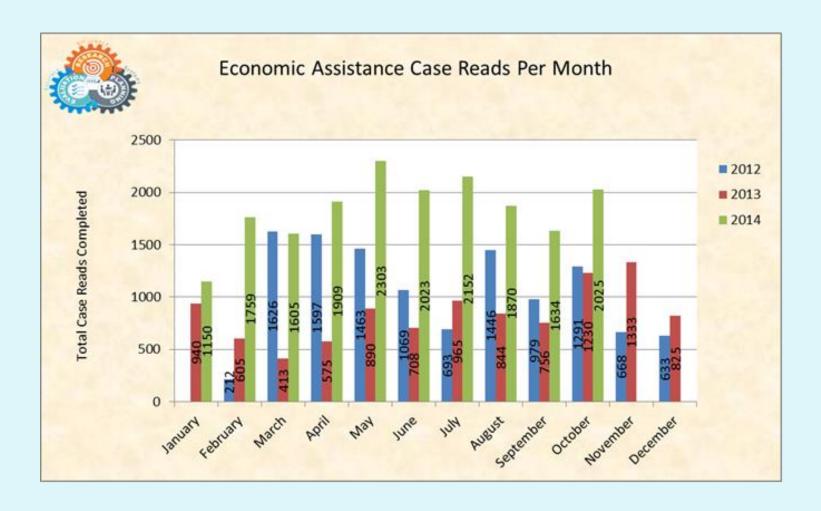


### **SSAD Success Story**

### **Processing**

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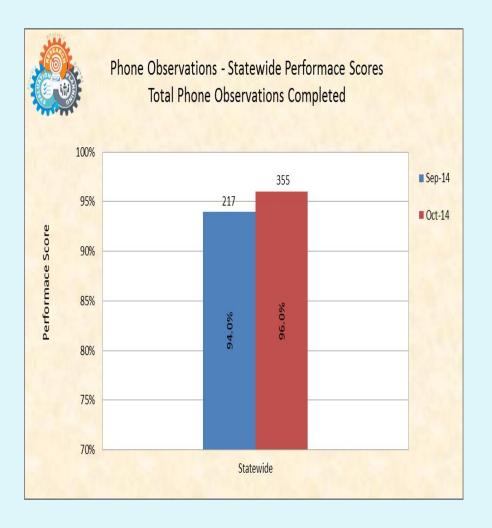


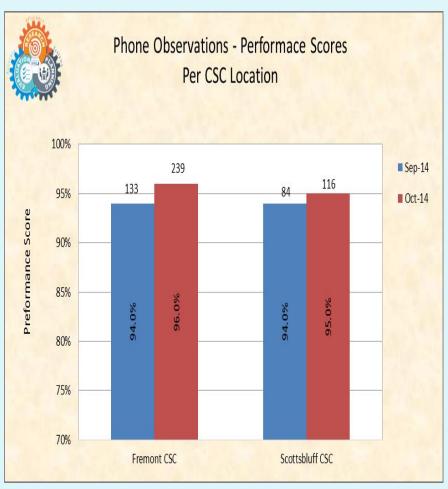
# **CHAPTER 4: PHONE OBSERVATION**

Outcome Statement: Children and Family Services Economic Assistance Constituents will receive quality customer service.

Goal Statement: Continually review phone observations, then measure and report CFS processing performance.

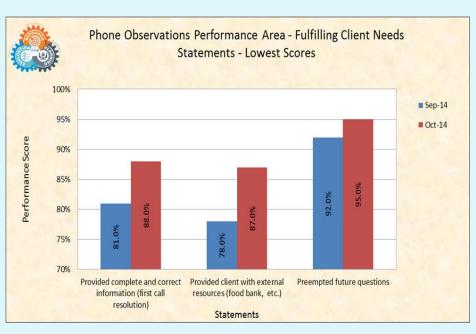
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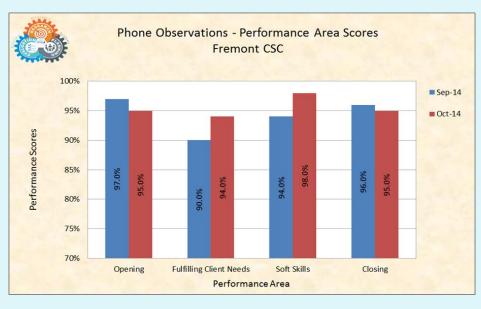


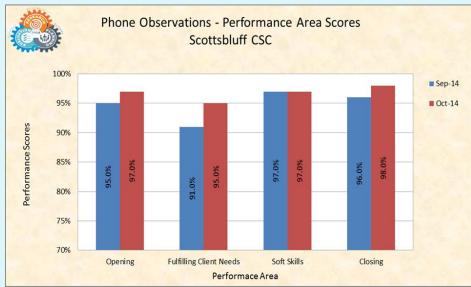


## **Phone Observations**









# **CHAPTER 5: WORKFORCE STABILITY**

Outcome Statement: Economic Assistance is well-qualified, trained, supervised and supported.

#### SSW + SSW/T Vacancy Rate

#### **Strengths/Accomplishments:**

Total vacancy is lower than it has been in the past 2 months.

#### **Action Items:**

**Barriers:** 

#### Goal Statement: Economic Assistance is well-qualified, trained, supervised and supported.

SSW + SSW/T	<b>September 2014</b> as of 09/1/14			<b>October 2014</b> as of 10/1/14			<b>November 2014</b> as 11/1/14		
Location	Vacant Positions	Total	Vacancy	Vacant	Total	Vacancy	Vacant	Total	Vacancy
Central Service Area EA	2	28	7.1%	0	28	0.0%	1	28	3.6%
Eastern Service Area EA	1	45	2.2%	0	45	0.0%	2	45	4.4%
Northern Service Area EA	5	23	21.7%	1	23	4.3%	1	23	4.3%
Southeast Service Area EA	2	33	6.1%	0	33	0.0%	1	33	3.0%
Western Service Area EA	0	20	0.0%	0	20	0.0%	1	20	5.0%
Local Office Total	10	149	6.7%	1	149	0.7%	6	149	4.0%
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Fremont CSC	8	119	6.7%	8	119	6.7%	7	119	5.9%
Scottsbluff CSC	11	82	13.4%	3	82	3.7%	3	82	3.7%
Customer Service Center Total	19	201	9.5%	11	201	5.5%	10	201	5.0%
Grand Total	29	350	8.3%	12	350	3.4%	16	350	4.6%

The above chart: Shows the percentage of vacancies throughout the service areas. These results are based on employees leaving DHHS, not leaving the state.